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PRODIGALS RETURN.

KWANGSI FORCES OUTSIDE CANTON.

NO "FATTED CALF."

Leaders Making Sure of Their Ground First.

SOUND AND MODERATE GOVERNMENT CONFIDENTLY PREDICTED.

Premature reports reached Hong Kong yesterday evening that the Kwangsi army was back in control of Canton, after an exile of several weeks caused by the Ironsides' coup. Such has been denied.

However, the prodigals are expected momentarily. The Canton public will accord them a hearty welcome but it is afraid that the fatted calf has been stripped lean by the Ironsides and Reds in turn.

Trouble is not anticipated. At the most favourable opportunity, the Kwangsi army will enter Canton but not before their leaders make sure of their ground. A sound, moderate Government is confidently predicted.

PREMATURE REPORTS

Although Canton has not been taken in the accepted sense of the term, the honours have been decided already.

General Li Fook-lum and his Papersides held the balance of power between the Ironsides and the Kwangsi army. His army barred the march of the Kwangsi expedition to Canton along the last 30 miles.

The "China Mail" political correspondent is informed by a reliable source that he has yielded to the inevitable or, rather, to the most desirable, and swung over to the Kwangsi faction, as is explained in other messages below.

Hurried Departure.
So great was the hurry of the Ironsides in evacuating Canton, it now transpires, that they forsook a good deal of not very expensive property.

As reported in the "China Mail" last week, the Ironsides are now concentrated on the East River, about 60 miles east of Canton.

Statements have been made that the Ironsides along the East River have clashed with the Kwangsi expedition from Swatow and that the Nationalist adventurers from Fukien are also marching on Canton.

Non-Existent War.
Inquiries in the best informed circles show that there is no truth in the news of hostilities between the East River and Swatow.

So soon as they are ready, the Ironsides intend marching north-eastward of Kiangsi and Fukien provinces unless, of course, pressure on them by the Kwangsi faction is relieved by an unexpected source.

Swatow Normal.
Swatow, Yesterday.
Ships calling here now have no difficulty in regard to the discharge and unloading of cargo, the imprestment of coolies by the local military forces having ceased.—British Naval Wireless.

LATEST NEWS.

Wong Shiu-hung Brings Up The Rear.

The Canton public believes that the Ironsides took with them all the cash they could lay hands on in the Treasury, this belief leading to further depreciation in the government banknotes.

Latest news is that the Kwangsi expedition called a halt yesterday to allow the units further in the rear to come up.

The force of 10,000 or so beyond Samshui will be increased then to 20,000 before the army moves on another 30 miles or so eastwards along the railway to reach Canton, which they are expected to do to-morrow morning.

General Wong Shiu-hung is coming in person. He has been informed by couriers from the Papersides that no opposition will be placed in his way.

THREAT SUCCEEDS.

Why Papersides Changed Their Colours.

How General Li Fook-lum, as he has done many times before, changed colours before the climax, is related in a message from the "China Mail" political correspondent.

The 13th division, of the

Kwangsi army, recovered the Kongmoon and had threatened an attack on Canton unless General Li Fook-lum and his Papersides renounced the Ironsides and restored his allegiance to the Kwangsi faction.

Formal Invitation.
In fact, the 13th division—as reported by the "China Mail" Pakkai correspondent—had gone as far as to assemble a fleet of commandeered native craft to embark for Canton.

Yesterday, General Li Fook-lum, in the name of the Canton Council of War, of which he is a member, formally "requested" the 13th division to go to Canton as the Ironsides had left and troops were needed to prevent a recrudescence of Red riots.

Papersides' Declaration.
This communication was in the nature of a declaration in favour of the Kwangsi faction, such having been withheld by the Papersides until they were certain of the position.

The 13th division did not go as their colleagues from the West River had already arrived. All Papersides in the city have been withdrawn to their own area in Horam, on the other side of the River.

UNCHECKED ADVANCE.

Kwangsi Army Marching On Canton.

Wuchow, Dec. 25.
No doubt exists now as to the continued success of the Kwangsi advance upon Canton. Dosing, Takhing and Shuihing have all fallen to General Wong Shiu-hung, and were taken without a shot being fired.

The route between Shuihing and Samshui has been lined by his troops, on both banks of the river.

As one observer puts it: "Yes, we have seen soldiers, and not just in thousands either."

Heavy Troop Movements.
Once again the importance of Shuihing is in the hands of the Kwangsi war lord, who is directing hostilities in person.

Samshui has been evacuated by the Ironsides, and it is supposed that a detachment of the Papersides remain to maintain order.

At any rate, it seems as if the Ironsides are ready to give ground without firing a shot, for they are rapidly retreating in the direction of their base, Canton. Heavy troop movements continue down-river.

Defence Measures.
In spite of the fact that the Kwangsi provincial authorities are carrying the war into the territory of their enemy, they are taking no chance of being disturbed. Various defensive measures have been taken; chief among which are the following:

A six mile long electrified wire surrounds the city, being heavily charged.

Between the hours of 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. no vessel is allowed to enter the port. A gunboat is stationed at the entrance to the harbour to enforce martial law regulations. All ships arriving are minutely searched and all suspects removed for examination.

Passengers Need Credentials.
In order to guard against Communists and trouble-makers entering Wuchow, no per-

SHIPPING WAR.

Jute Trade From Calcutta.

GLOOMY PREDICTION.

Negotiations For An Agreement Break Down.

New York, Yesterday.

It is believed that the decision of the United States Shipping Board to reduce the cargo rate on jute burlap bagging from Calcutta to Boston and New York from 35 to 25 cents per 100 lb. weight from January 1 has precipitated a struggle in the shipping industry which may have serious consequences for some of the Companies before peace is restored.

The reduction is the result of the inability of the Roosevelt Steamship Company, which operates a fleet of motor ships for the American Government, to reach an agreement with the Cunard, Brocklebank, and Ellerman groups in regard to the division of 650,000 tons of jute carried annually from Calcutta to America.

The Roosevelt line demanded the allotment of 16 to 20 direct sailings from Calcutta, besides its indirect service, but the British lines refused and claimed a major portion of the trade on the ground of their established connections, their existing contracts, and their highly efficient service.

It is intimated that other reductions will follow, if necessary, to secure what Government officials regard as their proper share of the trade.—Reuter's American Service.

SOVIET REBUFFED.

NO OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY IN GENEVA.

"OBSERVERS" NOT WANTED.

Geneva, Yesterday.
The Swiss Federal Council has announced that it will not permit the establishment of an official Soviet News Agency in Geneva, but it cannot refuse the presence of an ordinary Journalist in Geneva who is merely exercising his profession, as long as he does not act as an "observer" or in an official or semi-official capacity.—Reuter.

son is allowed to land from any incoming ship unless he can produce credentials signed by a responsible firm or individual in the city. If such are not forthcoming, the passenger must return by the same ship.

All cargo is carefully searched, but no attempt is made to hinder legitimate commerce.

2,000 Recruits.
A force of approximately two thousand men is being recruited to maintain law and order in the city during the absence of so many of the garrison. This new force is distributed throughout the city at strategic points, keeping watch day and night. It has had a healthful effect.

H.M.S. "Tern" is in port.—Our own correspondent.

BEFORE THE CLIMAX.

Stages in the Victorious March.

Events leading up to the climax are related by eyewitnesses.

No opposition was extended to the Kwangsi expedition as it swept eastwards and it soon became evident that the units remaining in Canton will be fraternising with the Kwangsi men once more.

Yesterday morning, the advance guard was proceeding along the Canton-Samshui Railway, Samshui having already been entered because the pro-Cantonese garrison had retired the day before.

Final Sprint.
By noon yesterday, about 3,000 Papersides arrived at Shek-watong, one of the environs of Canton, separated from the city by the River.

Having marched leisurely along the West River, the distance from Wuchow down to Samshui being about 120 miles, the Kwangsi expedition made haste yesterday on approaching their goal.

Panic was felt in Canton city on Monday night when the main force of the Kwangsi army was at Samshui, its first objective.

On retreating from Samshui, the Papersides entered the west of Canton and then crossed the River to Honam.

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TRUSTEE BANKING.

Instone Corporation's Opening.

BRILLIANT CEREMONY.

Mr. Instone Brewer Outlines Aims Of Institution.

A step forward in the practice of banking was taken in Hong Kong this morning when the Colony's first Trustee Bank was officially opened. This is the Instone Banking Corporation, operating at 25, Des Vœux Road Central. Other banking institutions, of course, undertake trusteeship, but this is the first to devote its activities almost solely to this branch. The aims of the Corporation may be summarised in its own words thus:—

"We endeavour to encourage savings, but our principal aim is to protect and improve the financial interests of our patrons by assistance ranging from impartial advice to the entire management of their financial affairs."

"Open" To Public.
This morning the premises were tastefully decorated and up to the hour of noon presented an animated appearance, the Bank being "open" to the public.

The opening ceremony was preceded by an introductory speech, after which "Hoi Mok" was ob-

FAIR AND COOLER.

Fresh Monsoon Along Coast.

North-east winds, moderate, fair; cooler, is the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow.

The Yangtze depression has moved eastward to S.W. Japan. An anticyclone has formed over N. China. The monsoon will freshen along S. E. coast of China.

served, a large red curtain being pulled aside and the assembled visitors bowing to the success of the institution.

Mr. Instone Brewer.

Mr. Instone Brewer, President of the Corporation, then briefly outlined the functions of the Bank, which were, he said, the protection of investors by all manner of financial assistance, the investigation of investment value, the care of property, and general trusteeship.

The idea of such a Corporation as they now had was not, he continued, his own. Originally he planned the affair on a much smaller scale, but the enlargement had been forced by general acclamation and support. Such gentlemen as Fung Cheung Kwong (President of the Government Bank, Peking), Kwik Djoen-eng (the "Sugar King") and Li Yuan-hung (formerly President of the Republic of China) and other supporters had not been content with the idea in its limited development. Thus had greatness been thrust upon him.

The evolution of the Bank, went on Mr. Brewer, compelled him to reconsider the position. He (the speaker) was not a banker, and in organising the Corporation thus far, he conceived he had done a sufficiency. From now on it was his intention to concentrate on the original idea of trusteeship as far as his own working was concerned. This would undoubtedly be more than sufficient for one man's efforts. From this point the Bank, as such, would be run by banking interests provided from amongst the institution's supporters.

Prominent Visitors.
Mr. Lee Ting-sang announced the prominent visitors, many of whom had given presents to the Bank. These included:—Mr. Li Yuan-hung, former President of China; Mr. Fung Kin-kong, President of Chinese Government Bank; Mr. Fung Cheung-kong, Peking; Mr. Cheung Wu, Minister of Finance, Peking; Mr. Kwok Chuen, Chief Manager, Wing On Co., Hong Kong; Mr. To Chak-man, Assistant Manager, Wing On Co., Hong Kong; Mr. Kwok Lok, Chief Manager, Wing On Co., Shanghai; Mr. Kwok Chuen-yung; Mr. Mak Cho-hang, Chief Manager, Industrial Commercial Bank; Mr. Chow Man-cho, Kwangtung Finance Minister; Mr. Yew Kok Sang, Chan Shu-cho, Chang Man-to and other merchants and bankers of Bonham Strand, Mr. Hui Cheung, Chairman of the Chinese

BEATEN BADLY.

Reverses For Peking's Armies.

FENG'S BIG DRIVE.

Army Reported a Hundred Miles Nearer Peking.

Significant victories by parties now fighting the Peking Government are reported by Chinese observers.

Places are mentioned which are stated to have passed into the hands of the Kuomintang, the name of the army under the "Christian General," Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang.

Both in the south of Chihli province and in Shantung province, the Peking forces are said to have suffered serious reverses.

300 Miles From Peking?
According to positions mentioned in overnight cables, the "Christian General's" drive places his army about 100 miles nearer Peking than the Nationalist army operating up the Tientsin-Pukow Railway from Nanking, the latter being 400 miles away.

Fighting is also reported on the Grand Canal, and even General Yen Hsi-shan (in the war between whom and the Peking Government a lull has set in), is reported to have been victorious in new engagements.

FOREIGN REPORTS.

Opinions of Generals on Developments.

Peking, Yesterday.

According to foreign reports the Southerners are still 10 miles south of Hanchuang and it is believed that the Kuomintang troops have not yet occupied Tsinling.

The Cabinet states that Feng Yu-hsiang heavily attacked Peking a few days ago but was repulsed. All is quiet there now.

Chang Tsung-chang and Sun Chuan-fang are reported to believe that the Southerners are unlikely to advance northwards at present. Hence they are sending Chihli-Shantung reinforcements, consisting of two "armies," to Tsinling.

Negotiations are proceeding for the Shansi evacuation of Chochow, and it is believed that Fengting will pay the Shansites for their surrender and also pay the townsfolk for the damage done during the siege.—Reuter.

POPE'S MESSAGE.

EXHORTATION TO THE POWERS.

Rome, Yesterday.
The Pope's Christmas message to the Sacred College is interpreted as an exhortation to the Powers to intervene in favour of appeasement. Thus Great Britain and France ought to exert pressure on China, and the same countries, which Germany and Poland, should act similarly in connection with Russia, whilst the United States is called on to use her influence with Mexico.—Reuter.

MR. E. WHITEAWAY.

REQUESTS TO TWO EMPLOYEES.

London, Dec. 10.
The late Mr. Edward Whiteaway bequeathed to two employees £1,000 each, and an annuity of £260 to one of them.—Reuter.

Chamber of Commerce, Macao, etc.

Visitors' Thanks.
Messrs. Dung Gung-suk and Lum Jak-fung, Vice-President of the Confucius Society, returned thanks on behalf of the guests for the hospitality afforded and the opportunity of listening to the lucid descriptions of the Bank's aims. They wished the institution all possible prosperity.

Speeches were also made by Mr. P. C. Lee, manager of the Bank, and Mr. Lee Yuk-tin, Vice-President, after which guests were invited to partake of refreshments, the function terminating with a giant display of crackers.

CONTROL AREAS.

Arguments in Police Court.

DR. STRAHAN FINED.

Policeman And Medico At Loggerheads.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at "traffic time" at the Central Magistracy this morning, Traffic Sergeant Saunders summoned the driver of private motor car No. 1402 for reckless driving by speeding in a manner dangerous to the public in Caine Road at 1.50 p.m., on December 16.

Dr. Seguin Strahan appeared in Court to answer the summons, and in view of a recent case in which Mr. Horace Lo successfully argued that the name of the driver must be recorded in the summons, his Worship took particular precaution to inquire if Dr. Strahan was answering the summons as the driver of the car, and when the doctor admitted that he was driving the car on the day in question, the charge was read out to him and a plea of "not guilty" was recorded.

Sergeant's Evidence.

Sergeant Saunders then went into the witness box and said that on the day in question he was driving his motor cycle combination in Canton Road going east near the Police Quarters, when at the junction of Ladder Street and Caine Road, the defendant's car passed him just at the bend on the road. The witness was going at 15 miles per hour, and when passing him the defendant was doing at least 20 m.p.h. In order to pass the witness, the defendant had to go completely to the right hand side of the road, thus blocking it for anything coming in the opposite direction.

By the Magistrate: It was not possible at that point on the road to see what was coming round the bend. Nothing was actually on the other side of the bend, but all the same the witness considered that it was an exceptionally dangerous move on the defendant's part.

Proceeding, the witness said that he had to speed up in order to stop the defendant, and even so he did not succeed in stopping Dr. Strahan's car until they reached Government House. The defendant sped all along Caine Road never going below 25 miles per hour, and sometimes he went as fast as 28 miles per hour. When the witness at last stopped the car he found that Dr. Strahan was driving.

No Time.

Asked what the doctor had to say when he was stopped, the Sergeant said that when he told him that he would summons him Dr. Strahan said that he had no time to attend Court. The defendant also argued about the witness's assertion that he had been travelling fast, and said that he could not see any danger in driving the way he did.

Allowed to question the Sergeant, Dr. Strahan asked: "Is it not a fact that you crossed the road from the Police Quarters in front of me, going at 20 miles per hour?"

The Sergeant admitted that he did go right across Caine Road from the Police Quarters, but his speed could not have been more than 10 miles per hour. The Sergeant added that when he left the Police Quarters there was a good 25 yards between him and the defendant's car, and when he got to his proper side of the road, the vehicles were still separated by some 20 yards, so that it could not be said that the witness had cut in front of the defendant's car.

Officer Annoyed?

Dr. Strahan said that he had to slow up in order to let the Sergeant get in front of him, and then as he considered that he had the right of the road, he again passed the Sergeant. He suggested that the summons was brought by the Sergeant because he was annoyed that he had been passed.

The Magistrate pointed out that Dr. Strahan's statement implied an admission that he too had been annoyed by the Sergeant getting in front of him, and therefore again got in front of him.

Dr. Strahan admitted that he was annoyed, and remarked that he did not see why he should slow up to let the Sergeant get in front.

Mr. Lindsell: Two wrongs don't

MEXICO'S OIL.

Important Changes In Law.

OBJECTIONS REMOVED.

Move Towards Friendly Solution Of Dispute.

Mexico City, Yesterday.
The House of Representatives has adopted the first reading of a Bill sent to the Chamber by President Calles which will have the effect of amending Articles XIV and XV of the Mexican Oil Regulations in accordance with the recent decision of the Supreme Court in the Mexican Petroleum Company case, restraining the cancellation of certain of the Company's drilling permits and declaring invalid the above-mentioned sections, whereby all titles to oil lands were forfeited and 50 concessions substituted for oil land titles acquired before 1917.

The amendment, if passed by the Congress, would definitely remove the oil Companies' main objection to the oil law since it would abolish such substitution.

U. S. Opinion.

Washington Yesterday.
President Calles's reported action is regarded as another move toward the ultimate friendly solution of the American-Mexican oil controversy.—Reuter American Service.

BAD MANNERS.

EUROPEAN OUTBREAK AT PENANG.

Penang, Dec. 21.

The Municipal Commissioners have decided that if they can get evidence they will summons the Europeans who were responsible for the disturbance at the Town Hall on the occasion of the visit of the last touring company.

In this case a number of European men in evening dress entered the Hall after the entertainment had begun and made themselves objectionable by their boisterous behaviour, the incident causing very unfavourable comment both in the "Penang Press" and among the public.—S.F.P.

make a right, you know.

The Sergeant informed the Magistrate that that stretch of Caine Road was a control area in which the speed limit was 15 miles per hour.

The Magistrate pointed out to Dr. Strahan that the Sergeant had estimated his speed at between 25 and 28 miles in an area in which 15 miles was the limit.

No Traffic.
Dr. Strahan admitted that he was doing 25 miles, but said that there was no traffic on the road at the time. They passed only two cars between the Police Quarters and Government House. Besides, he added, he did not know that that part of Caine Road was a control area. He said that when stopped he asked the Sergeant what the speed limit was and was told 20 miles. How could people know the speed limit if the police did not know themselves?

Sergeant Saunders said that when he told the defendant was that the speed limit was 15 miles, but the police seldom took action unless the speed was over 20 miles per hour.

The Magistrate pointed out to the defendant that he should have been guided by the triangles on the road denoting a control area.

Traffic Inspector Alexander pointed out that there are two such triangles on that stretch of the road, one near the University and the other to the west of the main gate of Government House.

Fined.
Dr. Strahan said that he had always understood that the triangles were there to indicate a corner.

The Magistrate pointed out that that excuse could not discount the fact that on the regulations triangles were meant to indicate a control area.

Dr. Strahan asked in any case, how were people to know what the speed limit was if there was nothing on the triangles to denote it? In other words, Fokfulum, for example, "10 miles per hour" was pointed on the triangles. He added that he had driven in Caine Road for ten years and he never knew that there was a speed limit.

The Magistrate decided to impose a fine of \$15.

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COMMERCE
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PIECE GOODS.

MANCHESTER WEEKLY
MARKET REPORT.

Messrs. James F. Hutton & Co.,
Ltd., Manchester, report on Novem-

ber 23:

Cotton fluctuations this week

have left values very much where

they were and there has been little

new to alter the outlook. The offi-

cial United States Government ginn-

ing figures of 10,899,000 bales

ginned to November 14 were rather

lower than expected and prices ad-

vanced in consequence, but again it

was the sensitiveness of the market

that caused the advance and not

so much that any advance was real-

ly warranted. These figures do

perhaps point to a rather smaller

crop than estimated by the Bureau

especially as it is generally reported

that very little cotton remains to be

picked, but with conditions as they

are at present there does not seem

much likelihood of any appreciable

advance in raw material values,

nor any reason for expecting a big

drop in the final crop figures. In

Manchester there is very much more

enquiry being dealt with, but

offers for the most part are still

far too low. India contributes

most of the attempt at business and

quite a fair amount of light bleaching

goods especially for Calcutta

have found their way on to the

order books. Dhooties have not

been so successful but here and

there some few lines have been

done. Singapore is also reported

as having bought some of their

running lines in greys and whites,

but the adjacent markets still hold

off awaiting no doubt some im-

provement in local demand. Inter-

est still continues here as to

what spinners can go down to for

their yarns, and it seems that prac-

tically the bottom has been reached,

for it can be said that they have

been well tested and tempted dur-

ing the past few days. Manufac-

turers are also in the same posi-

tion, and there are now several

mills closing down as they will be

losing less money by stopping for

the present than by continuing to

take the prices which they have

been doing for the past month.

This clearly shows the position and

it is quite certain that it will not

require any very considerable de-

mand for cloth to put prices up

quite appreciably. It is interesting

to note that there has been more

enquiry from China although the

auctions this week have not yield-

ed as satisfactory prices as those

which have been ruling for the

past few weeks.

P. I. CUSTOMS.

COLLECTION FALLS DURING
DECEMBER.

Customs collections for the first

half of December registered a de-

crease, compared with the same

period last year, according to

figures obtained at the customs

house, Manila, on December 20.

Total customs receipts from

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AKI MARU Wednesday, 18th January, 1928.

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.
AWA MARU Wednesday, 11th January.

SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico & Panama.
GINYO MARU Monday, 6th February, 1928.

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KAMAKURA MARU Friday, 20th January.

NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.
TATSUNO MARU Thursday, 2nd Feb., 1928.

LIVERPOOL via Singapore, Colombo, Port Said & Ports.
DURBAN MARU Tuesday, 10th January.

CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON.
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TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

THIS MORNING'S LIST.

Hydrangea (661) British, from Swatow.—Chiu On Co.—265 passengers, 135 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Devanha (4,758) British, from Singapore.—Mackinnon Mackenzie—98 passengers, 987 general cargo for Hong Kong, 3,060 tons general (through).

Van Hentz (2,749) Dutch, from Singapore.—J.C.J.L.—2,066 passengers, 1,390 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 105 tons general (through).

Kamo Maru (4,886) Japanese, from Singapore.—N.Y.K.—193 passengers, 590 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 5,091 tons general (through).

Ryuko Maru (1,981) Japanese, from Takao.—M.B.K.—1,510 tons coal for Hong Kong, 1,500 tons coal (through).

Deli Maru (1,293) Japanese, from Canton.—O.S.K.—73 passengers.

Wing Wo (503) Chinese, from Fort Bayard.—Yin Kee S.S. Co.—150 tons general cargo (through).

Lee On (729) Chinese, from Macao.—Hop On S.S. Co.—200 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Taiwema (402) Chinese, from K. C. Wan.—Wing Hung—150 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Departures.

For Saigon.—Solvik.
For Amoy.—Kum Sang.
For Swatow.—Hai Hong.
For Manila.—Pres. Taft.
For Macao.—Shu Hing.
For Wuhu.—Taipei Maru.
For Singapore.—Patroclus.
For San Francisco.—Pawlet.
For Haiphong.—Hosel Maru.
For Takao.—City of Pekin.
For Shanghai.—Takao Maru.
Devanha.
For Canton.—Chinhua, Huichow, Foshing, Yei Jun Maru.

Clearances.

Shipping Abstract.

Arrivals.	Departures.	Port.
British	21	23
Japanese	11	12
Norwegian	3	5
Chinese	12	8
Danish	0	1
Dutch	3	2
French	0	2
German	1	0
American	3	4
Swedish	0	1
Panama	0	0
Portuguese	0	2
	54	58
		72

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"SANK LIKE A ROCK."

DETAILS OF SUBMARINE DISASTER.

Provincetown, Mass., Dec. 18.

In spite of failure of efforts to raise the U.S. submarine S4, sunk through collision yesterday with the destroyer "Paulding," naval authorities here were still hopeful today that at least a portion of the ship might still be watertight. It was admittedly the faintest sort of a faint hope, based largely on reports that during the night air bubbles and oil rose from the sunken craft during a period of two hours.

Twelve divers are on the scene and more are coming. Emergency ships have succeeded in looping a grappling line around the submarine, thus establishing contact and making certain the exact location. Efforts to communicate with an oscillator failed.

The one hope is that some of the compartment doors may have been closed in time.

Among those on board were Mariano Tadar, mess attendant, from Naramis, Occidental Negroes, Philippine Islands. A normal crew of 38 was carried.

Detailed reports on the accident stated that the destroyer "Paulding" was proceeding at a normal speed when the S4 broke water just ahead. The submarine had hardly more than shown its periscope when the destroyer's bow rammed into it.

The submarine "sank like a rock," according to those on board the "Paulding."

The "Paulding," leaking badly from the blow on its bow, was beached.

The S4 is a sister ship of the submarine S5 which was sunk off the Delaware Capes in 1920.

Coastguard officials have been working hard ever since first tidings of the accident came, but their task was far from easy. A dozen ships soon reached the scene and began groping for the sunken craft in the vicinity of a buoy dropped by the "Paulding," but it was some hours before the submarine could even be exactly located.

Other vessels are proceeding to the spot, through choppy seas. Weather is cold but sunny. The waves are rather heavy in the immediate vicinity of the wreck, which makes the divers' task doubly difficult.

Latest reports said that fifteen ships had reached the scene. No wreckage of any sort was found.

Persistent efforts were made to communicate with possible survivors by means of an oscillator, but no response could be obtained. In past submarine wrecks the survivors have sometimes managed to communicate by tapping on the side of their ship.—United Press.

NEW MOTOR SHIP.

LINER FOR EMIGRANT TRADE.

The Hamburg-American Line has ordered of the Vulcan Yard at Bremen a new motorship, which is to be the first of a new type that will have an important place in the Hamburg-American fleet. Of 10,000 tons gross, the new ship is to have a speed of 15 knots with twin screws, and accommodation for 1,000 passengers and 9,000 tons of cargo.

The passenger accommodation is to be mainly of the emigrant type, and the ship is designed to replace the steamer "Holm" on the South American service. That ship is now 25 years old, and has a gross tonnage of 7,546 tons, having been taken over by the Hamburg-American Line from the Stinnes fleet when that organization collapsed.

Although primarily designed for the South American emigrant trade, it is understood to be the intention of the company to make the design the basis of that of a general class to run on the various services. This is in accordance with Hamburg-American pre-war policy.

SHIP PATRON MISSING.

Vicente Avila, patron of an inter-island vessel has been missing since last September, according to a report received by Insular Collector of Customs Aldames, from Collector of Customs Gomez of Iloilo on December 20.

Avila is wanted by customs authorities for violation of customs regulations limiting the number of passengers a vessel may carry. He was in command of the motorship "Matulin" plying between Toledo and San Carlos, in the vicinity of Iloilo, when he was found violating ship passenger regulations. He was licensed as patron in the port of Cebu.

ATLANTIC STATIONS.

EAST COAST NAVAL DEPOTS COST TOO MUCH.

Washington, Dec. 19.
Abolition of all Atlantic coast naval stations except the one at Boston was advocated to-day by Admiral Thomas P. Magruder in testifying before the House Naval Affairs Committee.

Such action, the Admiral declared, would be an important step in the carrying out of the economy programme for advocacy of which he is now in bad odour with the Navy Department. He estimated that a saving of \$6,000,000 a year would be effected.

Admiral Magruder also advocated the putting out of commission of the cruisers Pittsburgh, Rochester, Cleveland, Denver, Galveston and Tulsa because they are not, in his opinion, fit for service in time of emergency.

The committee members indicated great interest in Admiral Magruder's ideas, and indications are that the hearings will continue for some time with a considerable number of witnesses being heard.—United Press.

SINGAPORE BASE.

\$500,000 WAGES IN ENGLAND.

"The Admiralty have invited tenders from a few of the most important engineering firms in the country in connection with the shore work and the mechanical equipment of the Naval Base at Singapore, to which the large floating dock now approaching completion on the Tyne is to be attached," states "Shipbuilding and Shipping Record." "While a considerable part of the work must be done at the base, the equipment will mean the expenditure in wages of something approaching half a million pounds in this country, chiefly amongst mechanical engineering firms, as provision has to be made for the repair of ships which may require to be docked. The dock, which is being built by Swan, Hunter and Wigham Richardson, Wallsend, is the largest that this firm, with exceptional experience in such work, has so far built. It is fast approaching the stage when the hazardous undertaking of towing it to the Far East will be arranged."

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. s.s. "Delta" left Singapore for this port on December 20 at 6 a.m. with the outward mails, and is due here on December 30 at about 4 p.m.

The C.P.S., R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" arrived at Shanghai on December 26 at 4 p.m. left Shanghai yesterday at 10.30 a.m., and is due at Hong Kong to-morrow at noon. She leaves Hong Kong for Manila on December 30 at 5 p.m.

The s.s. "Corby Castle" (D. & Co.) sailed from Honolulu on November 26, and is due in Manila on January 1, 1928.

The C.P.S., R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" (Capt. A. J. Hosken, R.N.R.) will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama at noon on January 4, (Wednesday), 1928.

The M.V. "Vimoline" (D. & Co.) sailed from Aden on December 6, and is due here on January 6, 1928.

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ALTAI MARU Wednesday, 11th January.

RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—Via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Cape Town.

MANILA MARU Saturday, 31st December.

BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.

*KASADO MARU Tuesday, 3rd January.

SHUNKO MARU Friday, 6th January.

SUMATRA MARU Tuesday, 19th January.

(*Calls at Karachi).

DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND NOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.

MEXICO MARU Thursday, 5th January.

CHICAGO MARU Thursday, 31st January.

CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.

SEATTLE MARU Tuesday, 24th January.

VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER Via Japan Ports.

*ARIZONA MARU Wednesday, 28th December.

(*From Shanghai).

HAIPHONG—Via HOIHOW & FAKHOI.

TAIKWA MARU Tuesday, 3rd Jan., 10 a.m.

MENADO MARU Tuesday, 17th January, 10 a.m.

NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.

HAVANA MARU Friday, 6th January.

JAPAN PORTS

AMAZON MARU Saturday, 14th January.

BINGO MARU Tuesday, 24th January.

KEELUNG Via SWATOW & AMOY.

HOZAN MARU Sunday, 1st January, 11 a.m.

MENADO MARU Wednesday, 4th January, 10 a.m.

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DEVANHA	10,936	21st Jan.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
MALWA	10,936	21st Jan.	Marseilles & London
KHYBER	9,144	18th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
NELLORE	9,144	18th Feb.	Marseilles & London
MACE DONIA	11,120	3rd Mar.	Marseilles & London
* KHYBER	9,144	10th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KASHMIR	9,144	10th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
KARMALA	9,144	10th Mar.	Marseilles & London
MANTUA	10,946	1st Apr.	Marseilles & London
* KALYAN	9,144	1st Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MONGOLIA	16,504	14th Apr.	Marseilles & London
MOREA	10,963	28th Apr.	Marseilles & London
KASHGAR	9,006	15th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.

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		1928	
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ARAFURA	6,000	3rd Jan.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
SANTHA	7,754	4th Jan.	Amoy, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
MALWA	10,936	7th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
NELLORE	9,144	13th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KHYBER	9,144	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
* KHYBER	9,144	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MACE DONIA	11,120	4th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TANDA	6,000	7th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
* NAGPORA	5,283	17th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KASHMIR	9,144	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KALYAN	9,144	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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ordinary clothes. She remained
immersed several minutes, and
when taken from the water was
both dry and perfectly warm. The
demonstration made a deep im-
pression on those who watched it,
and Captain David Stonehouse,
manager of the United States
Lines at Southampton, expressed
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life-saving suit which he had
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the Prince of Wales, Prince
George, and Mr. Stanley Baldwin,
the Prime Minister, each had one
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Tian via Swatow & S'hai	KWANGSANG	Wed., 11th Jan., at 7 a.m.
Tientsin	CHIPSING	Mon., 2nd Jan., at 5 p.m.
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Moji & Kobe	KUTSANG	Wed., 16th Jan., at 7 a.m.
Canton	CHIPSING	Fri., 30th Dec., at 10 a.m.
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Straits & Calcutta	HOSANG	Wed., 11th Jan., at 3 p.m.
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ANNOUNCEMENT.

WAY-MCKENZIE.—The marriage
of Mr. William Kenneth Way to
Miss Lena Pearl McKenzie will
take place at St. John's Cathedral
on Saturday, January 7th
at 3.00 p.m. with a reception
later at the Hotel Savoy. No
formal invitations are being
issued but all friends are cordially
invited.

Hong Kong, Wednesday, Dec. 28, 1927.

MILLIONS STARVING.

Gloomy in the extreme is the
news from Peking that foreigners
in Shantung confirm the reports
of the famine. Relief Societies
that four million people are on the
verge of starvation in that province.
Great numbers are already subsisting
on bark and chaff. Once prosperous
farmers are disposing of their cattle
for a mere song. Unhappily, we are
told, the peak of the famine has
not yet been reached, and worse
has still to come. The local
officials attribute the famine to
drought and locusts, but we prefer
to believe the view of foreigners
that it is chiefly owing to the
civil wars, banditry, and
exorbitant taxation. The banditry
and military are not only
accentuating the famine conditions,
but they are making it impossible
to carry out extensive relief
measures under foreign
supervision, such as the building
of roads and canals.

Appalling as are the conditions
in Shantung Province it is only
surprising that similar conditions
do not prevail right throughout
the country. The losses caused
by the civil wars can never be
calculated. The damage caused
by the military and the banditry
combined will never be known.

Truly, as an American paper recently
pointed out, China has won the
unenviable right from Ireland
to be called the "most distressful
country" in the world—and that
in a sense that Ireland never
knew in her darkest hour.

It is all very well for His Holiness
the Pope to suggest a policy
of appeasement to the Powers in
his Christmas message and that
Great Britain and France should
use their influence to secure peace
in China. Any such action by any
of the Powers would be miscon-
strued not only by China but by
the other Powers with interests
in China. Likewise would it be
liable to be misinterpreted by the
people of Europe. It is one thing
to dwell on ideals, lofty though
they be—it is quite another
thing to suggest a concrete
scheme that would be above the
suspicion not alone of the bene-
ficiaries but of the rest of the
world. Mere suggestions will not
end the civil wars any more than
they will bring relief to the
millions stricken down by
famine. There is no hope of raising
sufficient funds in China itself to save
great numbers from a lingering
death, and, we are informed, out-
side help is earnestly needed.
That may most unfortunately be
a fact, but if the bandits and the
military are making it impossible
to carry out famine relief mea-
sures, it is very difficult to know
exactly what to do. The Famine
Relief Committees in the past, it
is true, have done really splendid
work in the face of unparalleled
obstacles, and it may be hoped
that they can do so again. Out-
siders, however, whom the appeal
for relief may move, must have
the surest of guarantees that any
funds contributed do reach the
afflicted people and do not find
their way into the pockets of
either the military or the bandi-
try. And it is the bounden duty
of the Chinese leaders, no matter
to what faction they may be-
long, to ensure that such a guar-
antee is forthcoming if thousands
of their own people are not to
perish of starvation.

The opening date of the Macao
Photographic and Art Exhibition
has been postponed until January
22 next. Entries close on Jan-
uary 18.

We understand, says the "Ping-
pong Gazette," that the first two boys
on the 1927 Queen's Scholarships list
are Lin, Kheng-kool, and Chan
Heng-sin, both of the Penang
Free School. The final award is
made by Committee. If these two
boys are awarded the scholarships,
which are worth up to £500 p.a.,
each and are probably the most
valuable scholarships in the Em-
pire, all eight scholarships so far
will have been won by Penang, six
of them by Free School boys.

HOME FOOTBALL

35 LEAGUE MATCHES PLAYED
IN ENGLAND.

London, Yesterday.
The following are results of the
League matches played to-day:—

First Division.
Aston Villa 0, Derby County 1.
Burnley 6, Leicester City 1.
Cardiff City 2, Everton 0.
Liverpool 0, Arsenal 2.
Newcastle U. 3, Middlesbrough 3.
Preston 1, Bury 0.
Wednesday 0, Huddersfield T. 5.
West Ham U. 1, Sheffield U. 1.
Postponed: Tottenham Hotspur
v. Bolton Wanderers.

Second Division.
Hull City 3, Fulham 2.
Leeds United 3, Port Vale 0.
Notts County 3, West Bromwich
A. 0.
Oldham A. 5, Clapton Orient 0.
Reading 1, Blackpool 0.
Southampton 3, Bristol City 2.
Stoke City 3, South Shields 1.
Swansea Town 0, Preston N.E. 1.
Wolverhampton W. 1, Notts
Forest 0.
Postponed: Chelsea v. Grimsby
Town.

Division III.—South.
Brighton & Hove 3, Bournemouth 2.
Bristol Rovers 2, Merthyr Town 1.
Coveley City 0, Queen's Park
Rangers 0.
Gillingham 0, Watford 3.
Millwall 2, Norwich City 1.
Plymouth Athletic 1, Exeter City 2.
Swindon Town 4, Newport C. 1.
Torquay United 0, Crystal Palace 2.
Walsall 1, Charlton Athletic 0.
Postponed: Brentford v. South-
end United; Luton Town v.
Northampton.

Division III.—North.
Barrow 2, Stockport C. 3.
Bradford 4, Rochdale 1.
Chesterfield 2, Rotherham U. 5.
Halifax T. 0, Doncaster R. 1.
Lincoln C. 1, Hartlepool U. 5.
New Brighton 3, Accrington 1.
Tranmere Rovers 1, Nelson 1.
Wigan Boro' 2, Bradford City 2.
Wrexham 3, Southport 0.
All the postponements were due
to snow.—Reuter.

LEAGUE TABLES.

The following tables show the
positions of the teams to date,
Tuesday's matches having been
taken into account in their com-
pilation:—

Division I.	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Everton	22	12	6	4	61	31	30
Leicester	23	10	6	7	50	40	26
Blackburn	22	8	9	5	31	82	26
Huddersfield	21	11	4	6	50	33	26
Newcastle	22	9	6	7	48	43	24
Cardiff	22	9	6	7	40	40	25
Nottingham	21	9	4	8	39	44	22
Liverpool	22	7	8	7	45	48	22
Middlesbrough	22	7	8	7	45	48	22
Arsenal	20	9	5	6	42	39	23
West Ham	21	10	2	9	46	50	22
Bury	22	10	1	11	41	46	21
Aston Villa	22	8	4	10	43	44	20
Sunderland	21	7	6	8	37	38	20
Manchester U.	22	8	4	10	37	40	20
Burnley	22	10	1	4	42	53	21
Bolton	20	7	5	8	39	31	19
Sheffield U.	22	7	6	9	34	44	19
Derby	21	7	5	9	32	48	19
Portsmouth	22	6	5	11	35	55	17
Birmingham	21	4	8	9	33	45	16
Wednesday	22	4	7	11	38	50	15

Division II.	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Chelsea	21	13	5	3	49	19	31
Man. C.	21	13	5	3	49	19	31
Preston	22	12	6	4	48	28	30
Leeds	22	13	3	6	56	27	29
Bristol C.	22	11	4	7	47	36	26
Notts. For.	22	11	3	8	53	41	25
Oldham	21	11	5	8	44	25	27
Port Vale	22	11	2	9	40	34	24
West Brom.	22	8	6	8	40	45	22
Stoke	21	9	5	7	36	32	23
Swansea	22	8	5	9	45	46	21
Grimsby	21	7	7	7	37	39	21
Clapton	21	8	4	9	36	46	20
Barnsley	21	6	7	9	30	40	19
Hull	21	6	7	9	25	30	20
Notts County	22	6	7	9	38	40	19
Fulham	21	5	11	5	35	50	15
Blackpool	22	5	12	5	38	55	15
Reading	22	5	11	5	31	47	17
Southampton	22	5	11	5	31	44	16
Wolves	22	6	4	12	35	51	16
Sch. Shield	21	2	5	14	30	62	9

Division III.—South.	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Millwall	21	14	3	4	48	32	31
Northants	19	14	1	4	47	28	29
Plymouth	21	12	3	7	46	32	25
Exeter	20	10	7	3	26	24	27
Charlton	19	8	3	8	23	27	24
Southend	18	11	0	7	37	31	22
Swindon	18	9	5	4	50	37	23
Queen's P. R.	20	9	4	7	28	23	22
Newport	20	8	5	7	35	33	21
Brentford	22	9	3	10	45	44	21
Bournemouth	21	7	5	9	35	39	19
Norwich	19	7	4	8	39	34	18
Brighton	20	8	4	8	38	36	20
Coveley	20	7	4	9	36	47	18
Crystal Pal.	19	6	6	7	30	40	18
Merthyr	22	5	6	11	31	45	10
Gillingham	19	4	6	9	28	41	14
Watford	20	4	3	13	32	38	15
Torquay	19	4	5	10	18	43	13
Luton	19	5	2	12	40	46	12
Bristol R.	20	6	2	12	28	52	14
Walsall	20	6	2	12	28	57	14

Division III.—North.	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Doncaster	20	14	3	3	40	15	31
Bradford	19	13	4	2	48	25	30
Lincoln	21	11	4	6	48	37	26
Halifax	21	9	6	6	48	32	24
Wrexham	21	11	3	7	35	31	25
Accrington	19	7	8	4	39	29	22
Rochdale	17	10	1	6	39	20	21
Tranmere	18	8	4	8	35	25	22
Southport	20	9	2	9	42	35	22
Stockport	19	8	7	3	30	25	21
Darlington	18	8	8	3	30	28	21
Hartlepool	21	8	2	10	34	43	20
Barnsley	19	5	6	9	41	35	18
New Brighton	19	7	4	9	34	31	18
Chesterfield	21	5	9	7	32	42	16
Durham	20	6	4	10	29	40	18
Rotherham	19	6	6	8	34	35	17
Glossop	20	4	5	10	34	46	14
Nelson	19	6	3	10	38	49	15
Barrow	20	4	5	11	27	53	13
Ashington	20	5	1	14	28	54	12
Wigan	20	4	7	13	25	49	13

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and not only will he make a habit
of it, but for ever afterwards one
of the world's biggest wonders to
him is that many of his fellow-men
seldom or never open a book at all.

There are a hundred reasons, one
supposes, why numerous intelligent
people do not read books. Some are
reasonable reasons, for it is not a
crime to have no delight in litera-
ture or no love of reading. It is
not even a sign of imbecility. But
whatever the reason may be, we
can depend on it that these intelli-
gent yet bookless people will to-day
be the readiest to talk with a certain
glibness about man's marvellous
power to annihilate space, and how
a schoolboy may possess that power
and demonstrate it practically by
setting up a wireless installation in
the back parlour at home.

Such people do not seem to
understand that an even more won-
derful power has been possessed and
used by man for many centuries,
and that is the power to annihilate
time as well as space. How can
they understand it when they refuse
to appreciate the wonderful signi-
ficance of books?

By books alone—that is, if old
stones and legal parchments be ex-
cepted—are the years and the cen-
turies and the tens of centuries
bridged for the mind and soul of
man. How, unless it be on the
printed page, are we of the
twentieth century to know what
were the thoughts and ideas, the
emotions, aspirations, and ideals,
of the men and women who gave up
their earthly life and ages ago?
Think of it, those who believe that
to "listen-in" at Clapham or Wigan
or Ipswich to a singer in Paris or
Brussels is the "ultimate marvel,"
as a broadcasting enthusiast re-
cently declared it, and perhaps
occasionally to hear vague sounds
that are alleged to be those of an
orchestra in Pittsburgh: in that tiny
volume entitled the *Itad*, a mighty
man who first spoke, before the
beginning of the Christian era is
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us who belong to an era that was
beyond all his majestic imaginings!

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ploughman is singing his heart out,
just as he has been singing for up-
wards of a hundred years, proclaim-
ing in a way more appealing, con-
vincing and lovely than all the other
voices of his kind, the real pathos
and sublime of human life. And
he will go on singing even if we do
not listen to him. A hundred thou-
sand other voices, indeed, are sing-
ing, or speaking to us through the
printed page, offering inspiration,
guidance, and entertainment for
our daily living whether we accept
it or no.

Charles Dickens once made fun
of the stuffy little room in a house
that holds the family library and
yet where nobody ever reads a word.
He should rather have made fun of
the people who pass outside that
room without entering it. For each
of its neglected volumes, as Leigh
Hunt said, is a little body of
thought that has possibly existed
thousands of years. Those broad-
casters whose zest is fired especially
by the knowledge that they are
annihilating space when they switch
on their loud-speakers, or crystal
sets should, more than most people,
be appealed to through this unique
aspect of literature.

The harnessing of sound waves is
regarded as permanent, if incom-
plete. But no one can say what
would become of that so-called per-
manence if there happened to be a
sudden catastrophic change brought
about by the elements which sustain
it. Yet, as a wise man said long
since, nothing short of a universal
convulsion of nature can destroy a
book.

It triumphs over brass and
marble. It is the only visible
change which changes, no farther,
which generates and yet is not
destroyed, not even though "mines
themselves are exhausted, cities
perish, kingdoms are swept away,
and man weeps with indignation to
think that his own body is not
immortal."

'P'RAPS-P'RAPS NOT!

With the Christmas holidays
practically over many a man has to
settle up before he can settle down.

The cinema actor was suspended
by a rope over two hundred feet
above the ground.

"But look here," said the camera-
man, "suppose the rope breaks?"
The producer was a man ever on
the look-out for new stunts.
"By jove!" he exclaimed, "that's
a great idea!"

"Can any of you tell me a great-
er power than the King?" asked the
teacher.
"Yes, ma'am!" cried a little boy
eagerly.

PRODIGALS RETURN.

(Continued from Page 1.)

The "Blues" Arrive.
About 9 p.m., a fire broke out in the central district (not far from the Bund), involving over ten houses. People were afraid that the Reds were on the move again, the pro-Ironside garrison having been evacuated.

Order was restored but yesterday, troops with blue armlets were seen on the West Bund. These, however, proved to be Paparides who chose a distinctive colour because the Communists had worn red and the Ironsides white.

SHOT MISSES.

Attempt on Life of General Li Fook-lum?

General Li Fook-lum escaped unscathed from a would-be assassin's bullet, states a Chinese report to hand which is given for what it is worth in the absence of reliable information which may be kept back for reasons of political diplomacy.

The general, was in his army headquarters at Honam, a most unlikely place, as it is full of bodyguards who exercise the greatest vigilance.

Two of these guards were wounded, says the report, but the shot(s) missed the general. The assailant, a youth of 18, was immediately overpowered and then summarily shot after being interrogated.

REDS' TRAIL.

Their Havoc As Recorded in Figures.

Official statistics are now available as to the havoc wrought by the Red army which, after being defeated in Canton city, left a trail of destruction in its march northwards to avoid pursuit.

Unspeaking excesses were committed in three townships, not far apart, and within close reach of Canton. The names of the places convey little to the non-Chinese but the figures provide interesting reading, for each of the three places, as follows:—

Houses	Houseless	Homeless Killed	Burned	Damaged	People	Wounded
(a)	254	17	850	16		
(b)	77	405	4			
(c)	39	225	2			

WIRELESS IN CHINA.

CHINESE SCHEME TO SOLVE PROBLEMS.

Mr. MacMurray, the U. S. Minister in Peking, had an interview with Mr. Wu Chin, the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, and also interviewed Mr. Wang Yin-tai, the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

In this connection, Mr. Wu Chin, the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, is said to have addressed Chinese Pressmen to the following effect:—

At the interview between Mr. Wu Chin and Mr. MacMurray, the latter set forth a plan of the American Government concerning the wireless issue and proposed the resumption of negotiations on the issue. Mr. MacMurray withdrew after exchanging views with Mr. Wu Chin. The Chinese Government, in compliance with the American proposal, is to make necessary preparations for the opening of the negotiations in the shortest time possible. The main points of the Chinese plan for negotiation, which has already been arranged between the Wai-chiapou and the Communications Department, are:—

- (A) Japan.
 1. The Mitsui Bussan Kaisha shall surrender the exclusive right which the Company has acquired.
 2. The Shuangchiao Wireless Station shall be transferred to the management of the Chinese Government, and the capital invested in the station by the M. B. K. shall take the form of a loan to China.
 3. Pending the redemption of the loan, a Japanese auditor and Chief engineer shall be engaged in the station.
- (B) America.
 1. America shall surrender the right which has been acquired by the Federal Company.
 2. The plan of the Construction of a wireless station in Shanghai shall be transferred to the Communications Department, and materials for the construction of the wireless shall be purchased from America.
 3. The expenses necessary for the purchase of materials and various other expenses shall take the form of a loan to China. Pending the redemption of the loan, an American auditor and chief engineer shall be engaged in the station.

MISSING "DAWN."

WARSHIPS JOIN IN THE SEARCH.

AIRSHIPS CO-OPERATES.

New York, Yesterday.
Two destroyers and the dirigible "Los Angeles" have left their bases, having been ordered by the Navy Department to join in the search for the aeroplane "Dawn."—Reuter.

BRITISH FLIGHT.

FOUR MACHINES ARRIVE AT MADRAS.

Madras, Yesterday.
The four British Air Force flying boats have arrived from Bombay.—Reuter.

EMPIRE RELATIONS.
SOUND VIEWS OF LORD KYLSANT.

Having just returned from a very successful visit to South Africa, it was natural that Lord Kysant should have given some attention to Empire problems at a meeting of the London Maritime Investment Trust. As a shipping man he has probably done more than any other to develop the Empire. Certain it is that his shipping enterprises have done most of the work in South African and West African Colonial development. When Lord Kysant talks imperially it is not as a politician, but as a clear-headed business man. For this reason it is worth remembering what he says. He registered a big and growing desire for closer commercial relations within the Empire, and he believes this expansion of Empire trade means not only greater activity for British shipping, but the end of our unemployment problem. The Empire is useful, but so is the rest of the world, and although Lord Kysant is in the opposite camp politically to Mr. Walter Runciman, at least he shares the same shipping sentiments. Free Trade is the only sound policy for British shipping, said Mr. Runciman at the Mansion House the other evening. Provided the freight is paid, British shipowners are glad to carry anything anywhere.

Although Lord Kysant was warm in his praise of the return to the gold standard, he issued a quiet warning to the Government for their over-spending. He pointed out how the heavy industries were still struggling under the burden of unprecedented heavy national and local taxes. It was a grave mistake to look complacently at a £800,000,000 Budget. Such a figure prevents a return to prosperity, and yet Lord Kysant's message was not without hope, because although he did not see a boom in the near future, he believed British trade was very steadily improving, and that in due course this improvement would be reflected in the British shipping industry.

EXAMINATIONS.

COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY APPOINTED.

The Board of Trade have appointed a departmental committee to consider the present system under which candidates for certificates as master or mate on merchant ships are examined, and to advise whether any, and if so, what alterations are required in the system under which examinations are conducted, or in subjects in which candidates are examined. The committee is as follows:—

Mr. Walter Runciman, M.P. (chairman), Mr. F. C. Allen, Captain H. F. David, R.N.R., Mr. W. R. Davies, Mr. E. S.W.

PADEREWSKI.

MAGIC SKILL OVER EVEN THE CRITICS.

In the ranks of the world's musical celebrities none of the whole legion of great artists can challenge the pre-eminence of Ignace Paderewski. His claim to Kingship in the musical world is based upon his superlative merit as a pianist; his services to the world at large as a philanthropist; and his devotion to his country. Within a couple of years of 70, Paderewski has commanded unlimited admiration in every quarter of the universe for the past forty years, and he is still able to exercise the magic skill of his art over even the critics in whom it were a seemingly impossible thing to stir up enthusiasm. Not long ago one of Australia's most matter-of-fact musical experts (F. E. Baume) expressed himself thusly after hearing the great Polish artist:—"Paderewski! Never was Time defied more gracefully; never did



IGNACE PADEREWSKI

the power and brilliance of middle years so conquer the dulling force that old age brings. His tall, thin, wrinkled, even mask-like, stood out from under the high forehead and bushy hair; the ragged moustache, the tiny white tie—why, you think, here is the Old Man Musician, looking something like a tent lecturer. Not a vestige of expression tints the face as Paderewski begins. Sombre, soulless even, those first notes sound. Impressions abound. A comparison flits across the mind. The one, moving to every note by calculation; the other, pouring on it, as if fighting the piano, jealous of every instant he is playing Old Man Musician—again the thought comes. "All of a sudden huge chords crash, the right foot smashes to a pedal. Storm and horse is the bass, and there comes a ripple in the treble. Crash! down go the feet again—what superb appreciation of the pedal and gone is the Old Man. It is the President of Poland. Yes, he would dominate the piano, and his will is its law. He is Paderewski, the Master, and so thousands cheered him."

One evening a stern father came rather hurriedly into the parlour, and was much shocked to see his daughter and her "young man" occupying the same chair. "Sir," he said, shaking his head solemnly, "when I was courting my wife she sat on one side of the room and I sat on the other." "Well," replied the suitor, not in the least abashed, "that's what I should have done if I had been courting your wife!"

Dodsworth, Mr. Brian Heathcote, Sir C. Hipwood, Captain Owen Jones, Mr. T. W. Moore, C.B.E., F.R.G.S., Captain A. H. Norman, R.N., Mr. R. A. Somerville, and Captain R. A. Vea.

All communications on the subject of the committee should be addressed to the Secretary, Mr. R. M. Nowell, Mercantile Marine Department, Board of Trade, 20, Great Smith Street, London, S.W.

CINEMA NOTES.

HAROLD LLOYD AT THE QUEEN'S.

"THE KID BROTHER."

Cinema-goers have their last opportunity to-day of seeing Harold Lloyd's big new comedy hit, "The Kid Brother," which has been drawing crowded houses at the Queen's Theatre since Sunday. The story is simple, yet forceful. It relates the tale of the youngest son of a family of strong men—three brothers, and father—who control the mountain town in which they live. Like all kid brothers Harold is subjected to the indignities that befall the youngest of every family. He is never taken into the councils and has no voice in the direction of his father's edicts. In the end, however, he shows his real mettle, and wins the recognition he craves by saving the family honour in one of the most entertaining fights ever filmed.

Heading the supporting cast, is Jobyna Ralston, prettier than ever as the girl with the medicine show. Walter James gives a realistic performance as the father. Olin Francis and Leo Willis are ideally cast as Lloyd's brothers. Eddie Boland could not be surpassed as the barker with the medicine show, and Romanoff, the medicine show's strong man, is built to order for the part, with his powerful physique. Ralph Yearsley, the bully, will recall memories of "Tobias David," and Frank Lanning is equally as convincing.

Other pictures showing for the last time to-day are "Tin Hats" at the World Theatre and "The Lucky Lady" at the Star Theatre. "Tin Hats" is a comedy of high jinks in the Army of occupation, with Conrad Nagel and Claire Windsor in the leading roles. "The Lucky Lady" is a comedy drama with a Monte Carlo setting. The leading players are Greta Nissen, Lionel Barrymore and William Collier, Jr.

"TIN HATS" AT THE WORLD.

Two Comedies.

"Tin Hats," now showing at the World Theatre, tells of the adventures of three American soldiers whose draft arrives in France too late to take part in the hostilities. This trio, however, get a full measure of excitement, and fun, out of the Peace. They embark on a tour on borrowed bicycles and find themselves in a German village where a great number of laughable complications follow in quick succession. Romance enters into the picture and in the end we are treated to the spectacle of a glorious American-German entente. "Tin Hats" is a well made comedy and it was a happy idea to give us all the fun and pathos connected with the lives of uniformed men without the grime and squelch of the war itself.

A Larry Semon comedy and a series of instructional pictures are included in the programme.

The most remarkable development in the film world of recent years has been the advance made in production by the great German studios, to which even the leading American producers have paid unalloyed tribute. The German film trust, the U.F.A., according to latest advice, is now engaged on a truly colossal undertaking of which the first part is already complete. This is nothing less ambitious than what purports to be a complete film presentation of the world war. The control of the copy recently passed into the hands of a group of extreme Nationalists. Amazing features of their new production are that it has been carried out in conjunction with the keepers of the State archives; the complete film will occupy three full evening programmes; it will include all the official cinema photographs taken by the army operators, who accompanied the German forces in the field and at sea, as well as many records from foreign sources.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "The Kid Brother."
To-day—World Theatre; "Tin Hats."
To-day—Star Theatre; "The Lucky Lady."
To-day—Tea-dance, Cafe Regent, 4.30-6.30 p.m., dinner dance, 8 p.m.
December 29-31—Queen's Theatre; "Resurrection."
December 29-31—World Theatre; "Alma of the South Seas."
December 29-31—Star Theatre; "Paddocked."
December 31—New Year's Eve dance at King Edward Hotel, from 8.30 to midnight.
January 1-2—Star Theatre; "Volcano."
January 1-2—World Theatre; "Fine Manners."
January 1-5—Queen's Theatre; "Beau Geste."
January 3-4—Star Theatre; "The Devil's Cargo."
January 3-4—World Theatre; "Back To God's Country."
January 5-7—World Theatre; "The Eagle."
January 5-7—Star Theatre; "The Show Off."
January 6-7—Queen's Theatre; "Out All Night."

Sports.
To-day—Senior Division Football: R.A. v. A.F.
December 31—Cricket Match, Division I. R.K.C.C. v. Navy and Kowloon v. Army.
January 1—U.S.R.C. Tennis entries close to-day.
January 2—K.C.C. Children's sports.

Meeting.
January 7—Meeting of Creditors of the Prince's Bldg. & Land Co., Ltd., 6 Des Voeux Road Central, noon.

Miscellaneous.
December 28-31—Four-day sale on Crackers, toys, etc., at Messrs. Whiteways, 20, Des Voeux Rd., Ctl.

January 22—Opening date of Photographic & Art Exhibition at Macao.

January 3—Re-opening of King's College.

December 29—Presentation to the Rev. Copley Moyle at reception in St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5-6 p.m.

SOVIET COTTON.

PRODUCTION ON LARGE SCALE UNDERTAKEN.

Tiflis, Soviet Georgia, Dec. 16.
—Within five years the Soviet Union, which has been buying from \$45,000,000 to \$60,000,000 worth of cotton a year in the United States, will have become a self-sustaining cotton country and will cease importing, Agamali Ogli, president of the Federation of Trans-Caucasian Soviet Republics, told the United Press in a special interview.

He had just returned from a long journey through the Caucasus and Middle Asia, devoting special attention to the cotton problem. "We are trying to raise agriculture in Caucasus and in Turkestan to a modern level," he said. "Wherever I went I could see that we still have an enormous task before us, but that we are already making rapid headway. "Oriental Russia used to raise thirty to forty pounds of cotton to the dessiatine before the war; now we are averaging sixty pounds. But this can and will be increased to several hundred pounds. "Our perplexity is primarily that of irrigation. We are spending large sums for this purpose. Our exports have ascertained on the spot that our cotton production in Turkestan and Caucasus can be enlarged tenfold within a few years. "We are trying to free Russia from cotton imports, and Moscow is granting us large financial subsidies for this purpose. Our task consists in increasing the technical training of our cotton growers, expanding our acreage and augmenting our capital investments in cotton. We have opened special schools for cotton-ginning. Before long we expect to have a whole army of trained cotton plantation men."—United Press.

Dubb: "This story about Jonah and the whale is all bunk. I don't believe the whale ever swallowed him at all."
Miss Smart: "When I get to heaven I'll ask him if it is true."
Dubb: "What if he is not there?"
Miss Smart: "Well, then you can ask him."

NOTICE.

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SUGGESTIONS having been received that the OPENING DATE of the MACAO PHOTOGRAPHIC & ART EXHIBITION should be POSTPONED to allow more time to intending exhibitors, the Committee has decided that the opening date shall be on the 22nd January, 1928, and entries will close on the 18th January, 1928.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The Associazione Nazionale Combattenti gratefully acknowledges a gift of \$250 from the Shanghai Race Club.

A young penguin was blown ashore at Corbiere, Jersey, and was captured alive after a fight with a fox-terrier.

Sir James Currie has been appointed chairman of the governing body of the Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture.

Mr. William Turner, aged 95, who took part in the siege of Sebastopol and was in India during the Mutiny, has died at Barnstaple.

Sir Alan Cobham's giant metal flying boat was launched upon the River Medway at Rochester in preparation for the start of his aerial survey of Africa.

A horse harnessed to a van dropped through trapdoors into a cellar in Milroy Wharf, Blackfriars Bridge, and as it was impossible to get it out, it had to be shot.

Treasure trove was the verdict at an inquest upon a porcelain jar containing 45 sovereigns dating between 1849 and 1893, which was dug up at Somerton Lodge, Winkfield, Berkshire.

Skeletons, thought to belong to the 17th century, have been discovered during excavations at Leeds Castle, near Maidstone, a clay pipe of that period having been found near one.

A Passover Hagadah, a Hebrew manuscript on vellum of the 13th or early 14th century, with coloured drawings in the margins, realised £990 at Messrs. Sotheby's, New Bond Street, W.

Miss Florence Power, aged 22, a London shop assistant, who was the victim of a razor-slashing attack last April, her assailant being later committed to an asylum, died in mill week.

Bridgend (Glamorgan) Guardians are to ask the Ministry of Health for permission to issue outdoor relief to the large numbers of unemployed single miners who are crowding into the workhouse.

Gloucester Liberal Association have adopted Mr. Thomas Worrall Casey, Liberal M.P. for the Attercliffe Division of Sheffield from 1918 to 1922, as their prospective parliamentary candidate for Gloucester City.

Members of the Japanese Mission which is studying economic and social conditions in Europe, and which includes Mr. Fusanosuke Kuhara, a prominent Japanese man, and several Foreign Office officials, have left Rome for Nice, and will visit London after a brief stay on the Riviera.

The Hon. Mr. J. Strachan, General Manager, F.M.S.R., arrived in Ipoh on a surprise visit. Mr. Strachan during the course of his visit, says the "Times of Malaya," took before the Station Superintendent two railway police constables who neglected to take notice of passengers crossing the lines and committing trespass in the yard.

The remainder of the men of Section "A" of the Army Reserve, to the number of 1,200, who were called up in January last for service in China, were due to arrive at the Albert Dock, London, in the transport "Karmala" on November 24. Of those who were called up in April over 500 were expected to reach Liverpool on board the "Bellerophon" on or about December 10.

H.M.S. "Cornflower," which has been selected for duty on the China Station, in place of the "Hollyhock," Commander R. B. Miles, is to be ready to leave for the Far East on December 28. She will commission with the relief crew of the "Troquois," surveying vessel, and the paid-off crew of that ship will return in the "Hollyhock." The "Cornflower" is at present undergoing repairs at Sheerness.

The articles of Association of the Siam Free Press Co., Ltd. have been duly registered. The names of the promoters who have acquired the business from the former owners are: Nai Louis Girvat, Nai S. Siong Wan, Nai Soon Chai Goo Trakul, Luang Sarabkitch Wicharn, Nai Kim Chai Srisukri, Mr. Andrew Freeman and Phya Vinaya Sundara. The capital is given as Tcs. 200,000 made up of 2,000 shares of Tcs. 100 each.—"Bangkok Times."

The locking of a chapel door at St. Bravel's, Forest of Dean, Gloucestershire, has caused a good deal of comment throughout the neighbourhood. For some years the chapel has been administered by the Congregational Union, and two years ago Mr. W. P. Chatfield, an evangelist, was appointed as the pastor. The Rev. C. E. Watson, secretary of the Gloucestershire and Herefordshire Congregational Union, told a reporter that there had been dissension among those attending the chapel and that the Congregational Union and a majority of the enrolled members had de-

Mr. J. P. Souter, of Messrs. Pritchard and Co., Penang, returned from leave by the "Devanha."

Three boys who escaped from the Feltham (Middlesex) Borstal Institution recently have been recaptured.

The birthday of Sri Gurco Gobind Singh Ji will be celebrated at the Sikh Temple on Friday. The Heads of Departments and private firms are requested to grant a holiday on that day to their Sikh employees.

News has been received in Penang that Mr. Ong Chong Kong has graduated M.B. B.S., at the Hong Kong University. He is a son of the late Mr. Ong Teong Hoe and was a pupil of the Penang Free school.

Captain Pratt, accompanied by Mrs. Pratt has returned from Home leave and will resume duties as Senior District Officer, Province Wellesley. Mr. W. H. Lee-Warner, who has been acting for Captain Pratt during his absence, will be leaving for Klang.

The improved condition of the Hainan now permits of good-sized steamers coming up the river to Tientsin harbour. There is already an improvement at the swinging berths and on the 10th inst., the "Tangshan Maru," 295 feet long and of 2,089 tons, swung successfully, loaded to 10 feet 2 ins., when leaving the port.

The Tientsin Land Investment Co., Ltd., in view of its increased capital and business has decided to increase the number of its directors from five to seven. The Board having lost the services of Mr. Wolfers, who is leaving the port, Mr. Tsai Shou-ki, one of its earliest directors has consented to rejoin, and the other new directors are Messrs. Peters and Snow.



Senator George W. Norris, of Nebraska, whom the Progressives intend to support in the Presidential preliminaries in a dozen or more States.

At 9 o'clock last night Mr. Boxer, living at the London Mission House, No. 6B, Robinson Road, reported to the police that a thief broke into his room by climbing through the ventilator over the verandah door. As the intruder was about to leave with some of Mr. Boxer's property in his possession, he was observed by a lady living in the adjoining house. She very pluckily grappled with the thief, but the man managed to break away from her and make good his escape.

Miss Bettina Warburg, the daughter of an American millionaire, is a medical student at the National Hospital for the Paralyzed and Epileptic, Queen Square, Bloomsbury. She graduated in the United States as M.D., but following professional custom she has not adopted the title of Dr. Warburg since she has been in England. She is the daughter of Mr. Paul Moritz Warburg, chairman of the International Acceptance Bank, New York, president of the Federal Advisory Council of the Federal Reserve Board, and a director of several big organisations, including the Western Union Telegraph Company.

A motor accident which occurred in the vicinity of Brompton Canal, East Point, yesterday, resulted in a Chinese woman being instantly killed, and four other people injured. The motor car was travelling in an easterly direction behind a tramcar when a Chinese passenger suddenly alighted from the latter vehicle. The driver of the motor car had to swerve sharply to avoid running the man down, and in doing so the car knocked down a boat woman who was killed outright as the result of the impact. A five-year-old child which she was carrying on her back was very severely injured and was taken to the hospital in a critical condition. The man who jumped from the tramcar was hit by the rear of the motor car and thrown into a ditch, receiving severe injuries, whilst two other pedestrians suffered slightly from cuts and bruises as the result of being bowled over by the motor car.

The Rames of Sarawak left England on November 25 with her daughter, Miss Elizabeth Brooke, for Sarawak.

Among Michaelmas term students called to the Bar at the Middle Temple, on November 17, was Mr. Kye Choo-chuan.

Several London taxicabs now have an electric sign in front, above the driver's seat, which at night illuminates the word "vacant."

Miss Renee Kelly, who has been on tour abroad for nearly three years, has returned to the London stage at the Coliseum in a new comedy sketch "Quits."

More than 100 bandmen played the new mayor, Councillor Joseph Rogers, to church at Northampton in recognition of his long services as conductor of the Volunteer band.

The Rev. J. M. Harden, principal of the King's Hospital Bluecoat School, Dublin, was appointed Bishop of Tuam, Galway, in succession to Dr. Orr, who has been translated to Meath.

A porcelain pot containing 45 sovereigns of Queen Victoria's reign has been unearthed in the garden of Somerton Lodge, Winkfield, Berkshire, the residence of Mr. W. P. Elliott.

"Ben Lomond," by Sir David Cameron, R.A., realised £220, and Mr. Muirhead Bone's "A Rainy Night in Rome" £135 at a sale of etchings at Messrs. Sotheby's, New Bond Street, W.

The number of persons in receipt of Poor Law relief in England and Wales on the last Saturday in September was 1,148,000, states a Ministry of Health return, at the end of June the number was 1,171,000.

English and Scottish sections of the herring industry, at a meeting at Yarmouth, resolved to ask the Scottish Fishery Board to fix the date of the opening of the herring fishings at the various ports in Scotland.

Mr. T. J. Hume, Managing Director of John Little & Co., Ltd., leaves via Kuala Lumpur and Penang on home leave. During his absence Mr. E. Challen and Mr. J. F. Hodgins will be in charge of the Company's business.

Under the will of Colonel Llewellyn Morgan, R.E., of Swansea, £2,500 and his collection of Nantgarw and local china are bequeathed to the Royal Institution of South Wales, and £3,250 to St. Gabriel's Church, Swansea.

The death took place on December 8 of Mr. H. W. Chapman, a very old foreign resident of Bangkok. The deceased came to Bangkok from Burma at the time when the telegraph was first introduced into Siam and was for many years an inspector in the Posts and Telegraph Department.

Dr. Barnardo's Homes publish their annual Christmas appeal. The really wonderful scope of this charity can be judged when it is realised that no destitute child is ever refused, that, on an average, five are admitted every day, and that 24,000 meals have to be provided daily. A gift of 10s. will keep a child for ten days. Subscriptions should be sent to 18-26, Stoney Causeway, London, E.1, and made payable to Dr. Barnardo's Homes.

Mr. F. H. Adams, a solicitor, describing at Westminster County Court efforts which had been made to garnish the salary of Mr. Sam Mayo, the actor, upon a judgment for £7 11s. 10d. for posters obtained by Messrs. Charles McAllan, printers, St. Martin's-lane, W.C., said that Messrs. McAllan had failed to serve the summons personally because it had been necessary for the server to wait for the completion of another performance by Mr. Mayo.

Mr. Ernest Terah Hooley has been received into the Roman Catholic Church at Derby. Mr. Hooley, who is 68, was born at Sneinton, Nottingham, his father being a lace manufacturer. Becoming a stockbroker at the age of 22, he came to London in 1896, and by a series of successful company promotions he acquired a great fortune. At the height of his career he was in control of a nominal capital of £18,000,000. His success was short-lived and in 1898 he became bankrupt. Five years ago he was sentenced to 3 years penal servitude for fraud in the promotion of the Jubilee Cotton Mills Company.

A draft of Coldstream Guards left Windsor on November 19 en route for China. The detachment, under the command of Lieut. G. H. B. Madocks, is going out to relieve the time-expired men and a class of reservists of the 2nd Battalion Coldstream Guards, who are returning home. The party headed by the drum and fife band of the 3rd Battalion, Coldstream Guards, were given a hearty send-off. The detachment proceeded to the Tower of London, where they joined a detachment of the 1st Battalion, Coldstream Guards, with the combined detachment of the 2nd and 3rd Battalions.

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GREAT GAME AT VALLEY.

Exciting Match Full Of
Contrasts.

[By the "Rover."]
Intense interest was centred in this game at the Valley and "St. Dunstan's" great charity should considerably benefit as a result of the match, for long before the kick off all stands were full, and late arrivals found that neither money nor influence could guarantee seats. The slogan was "all pay" and in this respect all sections of the community, from the enclosure right down to the public way, observed the rule of the day. The teams lined out as under:—

England:—Avery (R.A.F.); Wynne (Police), Bishop (Club); Everest (K.O.S.B.), Sims (Kowloon) (Capt.), Watson (Club); Pile (Kowloon), Northey (Navy), Vernon (Air Force), Leach (R.G.A.), Herdridge (Queen's).

China:—Pau Ka-ping; Ng Kam-chuen, Lai Yuk-tat (Capt.); Leung Yuk-tong, Wong Shui-wai, Lam Yuk-ying, Lau Mow, Lee Wai-kung, Wong Pak-cheung, Suen Kum-shing, Chan Kwong-lu.

It will be noticed that China were without Tse Kwai-shing and England lacked Larking (Queen's), for whom C. Pile (Kowloon) deputised. The game.

A great crowd seething with excitement cheered both sides, China looked very smart in the Athletic Colours, and a great shout went up as Sims led the English side in blue and white, a nice contrast. The first incident of note was a dashing attack by China, which Wynne had to turn to touch, and from the get away Northey and Pile got busy, but Lam Yuk-ying relieved with a fine kick which sent China going on the left. This was got away by the English defence, and Vernon passed to Herdridge, but Leung Yuk-tong nipped in and sent Suen Kum-shing away, the inside left looking dangerous. Bishop just got across in time and England breathed freely.

Lee Wai-kung, with a good chance, shot over the bar, and England got going through Herdridge on the left, a dandy pass by Leach giving the winger a great chance, but this did not materialise, and China got very dangerous, a nice effort by Wong Pak-cheung being got away by Wynne. Avery immediately after had to punch away and in subsequent play Everest shone with fine defensive work.

The English forwards now got moving, and Northey shone but was crowded out, and China cleared. England came again and Vernon fed Pile, who returned smartly, and the centre-forward just missed with a good chance, Pau Ka-ping showing good form in China's goal. The English forwards attacked through Northey and Pile, but Leung Yuk-tong was playing a great game for China at right half back and from a good clearance by the Chinese half back, Wynne and Bishop had great difficulty to clear their lines.

England now broke away and a delightful pass by Leach nearly did the trick, but Ng Kam-chuen shone in a fine bit of defensive work and China cleared. England were very assertive and Northey and Leach were very aggressive, but Vernon was disappointing, the R.A.F. centre parting for too soon, and China backs cleared with ease.

China broke away and Suen Kam-shun sent in a smashing shot which Avery saved well. China were now showing up well and a brilliant run by Chen Kwong-lu nearly ended in disaster for England but the ball was batted away, but Suen again got in a rasping shot which struck the crossbar and went over.

Hereabouts China put on great pressure and only fine work by Sims and Wynne kept the citadel intact. The English forwards got going through Leach, and Herdridge flashed one by the post. China pressed to the interval, a great run by Chen on the left being cleared just in time.

The interval arrived with no score.

England started the second half in promising style Pau Ka-ping bringing off a great clearance from Vernon, but at the other end Lai Yuk-tat just missed with a great shot. Northey next missed when well placed, and from a good centre by Pile, Pau saved with the forwards all pressing. Vernon had a great chance but hit the side post.

China now took up the running. Chen on the left showed Everest a clean pair of heels and only Wynne stood between England and disaster. The game had been contested at a great pace and Watson, Wynne and Northey were limping, Northey having to retire and Lam Yuk-ying also joined the spectators, but both resumed amidst great excitement.

China came away very smartly on the left and Chan Kwong-lu centering in the nick of time, Wong Pak-cheung scored a fine goal right under the crossbar giving Avery no chance. China were now going strong and only great play by Sims and Wynne kept them out. A last effort by Leach was well cleared by China who retired deserved winners of a fine game by the narrowest of margins.

Comments.
China won on their merits by superior combination. The English team, superior individually, did not function, and Vernon was a big disappointment. Why this clever forward gave the China backs such a quiet afternoon is still a mystery as the centre forward always appeared too eager to part. Leach was the bright star forward and showed class football and C. Pile gave a very bright display and is a coming man. Northey suffered through Vernon's ineptitude and Herdridge could have showed a little more enterprise.

The halves were good, Everest coming strong at the final and Watson always a worker with Sims showing the big heart that never gave in. Wynne played a great game and is easily the interport back and Bishop pleased his supporters. Avery was good.

For China the big men were Suen Kum-shun and Chan Kwong-lu on the left who have never played better, and whose combination won the game. In the defence the star on the China side was Leung Yuk-tong the right half back who in attack and in defence was England's chief stumbling block. Ng Kam-chuen at right back saved once or twice, when England looked bound to score and without depreciating the remainder of the team, who did well, these really were the big-men on the China side.

The scene at the finish of the game was a memorable one, the crowd covering the playing pitch in their excitement to get around the players and a pleasing feature of the game was the readiness with which the English players and supporters congratulated their opponents on their fine display. The game left pleasant memories and the English team, could they play together in a few matches, would vastly improve on their display in this match, as individually they were not inferior. But the Chinese had the great advantage of a machine-like precision, the result of many games played together.

China has now to play Scotland, and the latter will be worthy opponents. The Scotland v. Portugal game has already been commented upon, but through an oversight Martin's backs were criticised as Scotland (K.O.S.B.) and Hirst (Scotts Guards). We are informed that Hirst (Scotts Guards) played right back for Scotland and not Martin (K.O.S.B.) the left back being Johnstone of the Guards. As the right back for Scotland was on the day's play one of the most prominent players on view, we hasten with our regrets at the error and congratulate Scotland and the Guards in possessing such a fine defender.

As I have before mentioned Scotland will make one if not two changes in their team and Jimmy Stewart is confident his team can stay the pace, so all I can say is "St. Dunstan's" will be well in, and those who leave it for the last tram down to the Valley will be well out (as regards a seat). China v. Scotland will be well worth seeing with Scotland eager to maintain their laurels.

GARRISON LEAGUE.

Results:—

Dec. 20, B Coy., K.O.S.B. 2, D Coy., K.O.S.B. 2.

Dec. 22, 20th H Bty., R.A. 0, R.A.M.C. 2.

Matches for next week.

Dec. 29, 12th H Bty., R.A., v. 20th H Bty., R.A.

Referee: S/Sgt. Pope, R.E.

C. Coy., K.O.S.B. v. HQ '2, K.O.S.B.

Referee: S/Sgt. Gilmour, R.A.M.C.

NEW CHAMPION.

LONDONER WINS SCULLS
IN CANADA.

Vancouver, Yesterday.
In the race for the world's sculling championship Bert Barry beat Mayor Goodsell by 10 lengths in 21 minutes four seconds over a three mile course.—Reuter's American Service.

A triangular county cross-country race between Norfolk, Suffolk, and Cambridgeshire is to take place at Cambridge. The provisional date is January 14.

The Essex County Lawn Tennis Association have awarded county colours to E. W. Jacobson, K. A. Latter, S. F. Large, Mrs. Loudon, and Miss A. E. Gear.

CRICKET.

FIRST TEST MATCH IN
AFRICA.

WIN FOR ENGLAND.

Johannesburg, Yesterday.
In the first test match England beat South Africa by ten wickets. South Africa scored 170. They were 78 for 8 wickets and then Vincent scored 53 and 41 not out—a record for a ninth wicket partnership of 80. Geary took five wickets for 60 and Hammond five wickets for 36. England scored 57 without the loss of a wicket.—Reuter.

ARMY ELEVEN BEATS
H.K.C.C.

TWO DAYS' MATCH.

The two-days' match between the Army and the H.K.C.C., concluded yesterday, resulted in a win for the former by 67 runs.

Details:—
Army—1st Innings.
Capt. Drysdale, c and b Summers 20
Capt. Morris, c Hayward, b Parker 39
Capt. Dobbie, not out 68
S.S.M. Newbury, c Pearce, b Leach 4
S.Q.M.S. Moss, b Leach 1
L/Corpl. Miles, c Hancock, b Leach 0
Sergt. Leach, b Wales 1
Lieut. Coghill, c Hammond, b Wales 5
Capt. Tyringham, c Sayer, b Leach 6
Capt. Graham, c Leach, b Wales 1
Mr. Gr. Fogden, b Wales 0
Extras: byes 11, leg byes 1 12

Total 157
Fall of Wickets: 1/53; 2/83; 3/105; 4/121; 5/121; 6/122; 7/135; 8/146; 9/147; 10/157.

Bowling Analysis.
O. M. R. W.
D. W. Leach 18 4 53 4
C. D. Wales 18 2 53 3
J. A. Summers 3 1 27 1
E. W. Hamilton 3 1 8 0
H. V. Parker 4 0 7 1

2nd Innings.
Capt. Morris, b Parker 48
Capt. Drysdale, c Hancock, b Leach 0
Lieut. Coghill, c Summers, b Leach 7
Mr. Gr. Fogden, b Wales 7
Capt. Tyringham, c Hancock, b Leach 13
Capt. Dobbie, c Pearce, b Wales 30
S.S.M. Newbury, l.b.w., b Wales 0
Capt. Graham, b Wales 0
Sergt. Leach, b Wales 8
L/Corpl. Miles, c Hayward, b Wales 0
S.Q.M.S. Moss, not out 0
Extras: byes 11, leg byes 3 14

Total 180
Fall of Wickets: 1/5; 2/59; 3/59; 4/81; 5/97; 6/107; 7/113; 8/122; 9/126; 10/130.

Bowling Analysis.
O. M. R. W.
Leach 16 2 46 3
Wales 17 3 48 6
Parker 4 1 5 1
Summers 4 0 17 0

H.K.C.C.—1st Innings.
A. W. Hayward, c Newbury, b Dobbie 6
D. W. Leach, c Miles, b Dobbie 4
G. R. Sayer, b Dobbie 13
O. Moor, b Dobbie 1
T. E. Pearce, c Newbury, b Dobbie 23
H. R. B. Hancock, b Dobbie 2
J. V. Parker, b Miles 5
H. A. Summers, c Drysdale, b Dobbie 0
T. E. Hammond, not out 0
E. W. Hamilton, c Graham, b Dobbie 0
C. D. Wales, b Miles 10
Extras: byes 10 10

Total 84
Fall of Wickets: 1/4; 2/23; 3/29; 4/30; 5/74; 6/83; 7/83; 8/83; 9/94; 10/94.

Bowling Analysis.
O. M. R. W.
Capt. Dobbie 11 2 28 7
S.S.M. Newbury 7 2 30 0
L/Corpl. Miles 5 1 8 2
Sergt. Leach 4 0 8 1

2nd Innings.
A. W. Hayward, b Miles 46
G. R. Sayer, l.b.w., b Newbury 1
O. Moor, c Leach, b Newbury 4
D. W. Leach, c Miles, b Newbury 5
T. E. Pearce, c Drysdale, b Miles 54
H. R. B. Hancock, b Drysdale 5
R. H. V. Parker, c Fogden, b Miles 2
T. E. Hammond, c Fogden, b Dobbie 0
J. T. Summers, l.b.w., b Dobbie 1
E. W. Hamilton, not out 2
C. D. Wales, b Miles 2
Extras: byes 9; leg byes 2, wide 1 13

Total 186
Fall of Wickets: 1/25; 2/33; 3/41; 4/73; 5/94; 6/118; 7/124; 8/128; 9/129; 10/136.

Bowling Analysis.
O. M. R. W.
Capt. Dobbie 12 1 32 2
S.S.M. Newbury 13 1 49 3
Sgt. Leach 1 0 1 0
L/Corpl. Miles 8 2 33 4
Capt. Drysdale 2 0 8 1

—Bowled 1 wide.
CRAIGENGOWER v. H.K. ELECTRIC R.C.

A whole day cricket match was played on the Craiggower C.C. ground yesterday against a team from the Hong Kong Electric R.C., and ended in an innings victory for the home Club.

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LOCAL GOLF.

MANILA TEAM FOR
HONG KONG.

Returning the visit of the members of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club of a short time ago, a picked team of Manila golfers will leave for Hong Kong soon after the Philippine Open, which will be held next month, says the "Manila Times."

The meeting in Hong Kong will be the seventh of the annual interport series, the last of which was won by Manila on the Calocan links. Bobby Mason, Philippine open champion, who captained the victorious team of 1927, will probably head the delegation to China. Other players mentioned as being qualified to carry the Manila attack are Captain J. K. Fielder, U.S.A.; Lieut. J. Cranston, U.S.A.; E. J. Nell, George Ivory and Ben J. Few. The standing in the interport series is now even, with each city having won three events. Manila has never been able to overcome the Hong Kong golfers on their home course, and the British have been equally unsuccessful at Calocan.

The selection of the team for the Hong Kong matches will not be affected by the result of the Philippine Open.



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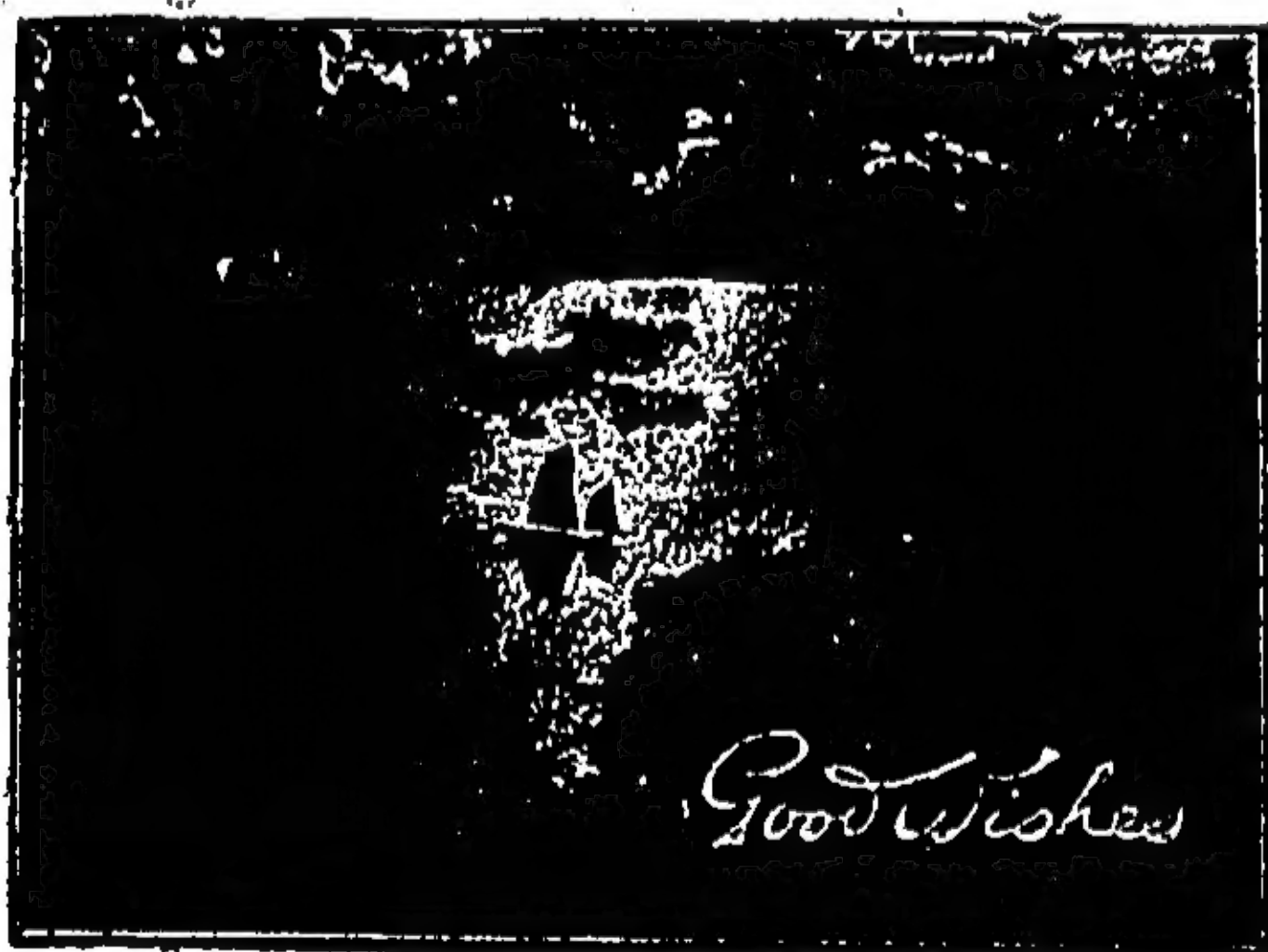
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The collection of materials that naturally have such a great bearing on the Winter modes are noted this season for their variety. There are all sorts of materials that have never appeared before and they take a place of importance along with fabrics of old charm. Many of the weaves make fabrics appear new when in reality they are simply different in their surfaces.

Chief among materials that are really new are the transparent velvets. These transparent velvets lend themselves with perfect effectiveness to the creation of evening gowns of distinction. The present mode stresses the formal note in evening gowns and so the new velvets help materially in lending this idea of formal appeal. They are splendid examples of perfect weaving and possess great beauty and richness—particularly in black, although they are seen in all colours from the pastels and whites to rich autumn shades.

Velours woven in new ways also make their appearance with much appeal. They are of a heavier body than the transparent velvets and are very smart in the printed effects. Prints in general run to smaller designs. Cut velvets, too, come in this collection and are bound to be much used in a season that pays attention to velvets for both daytime and formal appearances.

There are many other velvets that appear to advantage. These include velvets on metal, on gauze, on crepe and on georgette crepe. Mohre and corduroy velvets, too, are found in the fall mode.

Crepes and wool jerseys in new weaves are also much in the foreground. Kasha weaves with diagonal threads is very smart in the sport and street materials. Diagonal weaves in general are much used in the woolen materials. Kasha lame is a new fabric that is used for street costumes. Jersey in a fine ribbed weave of goat's hair and artificial silk is also seen.

Mixed woollens are treated in a decidedly different manner from past seasons. Cheviot weaves in tiny patterned designs are much in evidence. Woolen lames are much used, too. Smooth and lustrous surfaces are a feature of many of the new fabrics. Rough surfaces in the jersey fabrics, in contrast to smooth surfaced woolen fabrics are a feature of the fall fabrics.

Silks present much the same appearance with different weights and weaves giving them their appeal.

Lames in all weights, designs and colours are the choice for evening. The newer lames appear as light and transparent as gauze and the weaves are so supple that the de-

signs stand out with marked beauty.

Yola d'Avril, appearing in First National's "Valley of the Giants," brings a Parisian flavour to all her clothes. She is seen wearing a new sports coat which combines new ideas with new designs. The colour combination and even the pattern suggesting rainbow effects are of futuristic nature. It possesses a smart collar of platinum fox.

FASHIONS FROM PARIS.

Some of the new dresses in Paris show yoke effects on the blouse or skirt, or on both. One smart model developed in a featherweight gray mixture, with almost invisible flecks of red, had inverted box pleats in the skirt coming from under a yoke. The blouse, perfectly plain except for a straight-line yoke in front, owed its chic to a wide belt of dark red suede with ornamental buckle. The coat to be worn over this dress was of a gray mixture, similar in tone to dress, but heavier as to weight. A red suede flower repeated on the coat lapel the note of colour in the dress.

In addition to the lightweight woollens mentioned, there is a woollen jersey, but so different from the oldtime jerseys that one is tempted to label it a new fabric. It appears in a great variety of weights, weaves and patterns. Sometimes it has a very sleek and finished look, again it has a brushed appearance. There are herringbone and diagonal weaves, there are shell-like patterns, there are interwoven silk threads or lines of gold and silver. There are self-tone lines that are frankly wavy or zigzag, and there are stripes of different tones of the same colour.

Another detail which is expected to develop into a vogue is the separate blouse which will form part of the winter ensemble. So many seasons have passed since this very practical and charming item of woman's toilette has been really in fashion, it is high time that it returned. Separate blouses of lamé were featured by one of the great Paris couturiers at her mid-season showings and these were the forerunners of the blouse in other, and probably more utilitarian materials.

The waistline, which has been very temperamental for some time, is as yet an uncertain detail although one of greatest importance. It may go up. It may go down. It may disappear, but this last is improbable. Very lately there has

NEW EVENING DRESSES.

The Uneven Hemline is Emphasized
in Many of the Formal Gowns
—Side Panels Are Used.



One of the most important features of the Winter mode is expressed in the evening gowns possessing uneven hemlines. The line may vary in its means of producing an uneven effect. It may be obtained by a flare that is longer at the sides, front or back. Panels of longer lengths may be the means of introducing the broken hemline. Scallops of all sorts of varying sizes may be introduced. It matters but little. The point in obtaining a smart silhouette for the formal gown is in having its hemline uneven.

Dorothy Mackaill, whose newest First National motion picture, "The Crystal Cup," permits her a very varied wardrobe, wears several charming expressions of the new mode. Included among them is an evening dress which stresses uneven hemlines. It is of shaded chiffon in interesting scalloped flounces forming side panels that give a longer line at each side. The foundation is of satin and possesses an extremely simple bodice. Flowers in a colourful spray effect are used from the shoulders right down midway, to the knees of the skirt.

The formal note is stressed in most of the newer evening gowns. Simplicity is still to be desired, but it must be combined with a formal effect in order to achieve distinction in the new mode. There is a variety of materials used—velvets of a sheerness that is new and very popular being much seen. Brocade, chiffons, metal brocades, lames and chiffon being seen in models of appealing formality.

Colours allow a wide range. Black is of course very much in the fore, especially in the sheer georgette velvets, but other fabrics are worn in almost all colours.

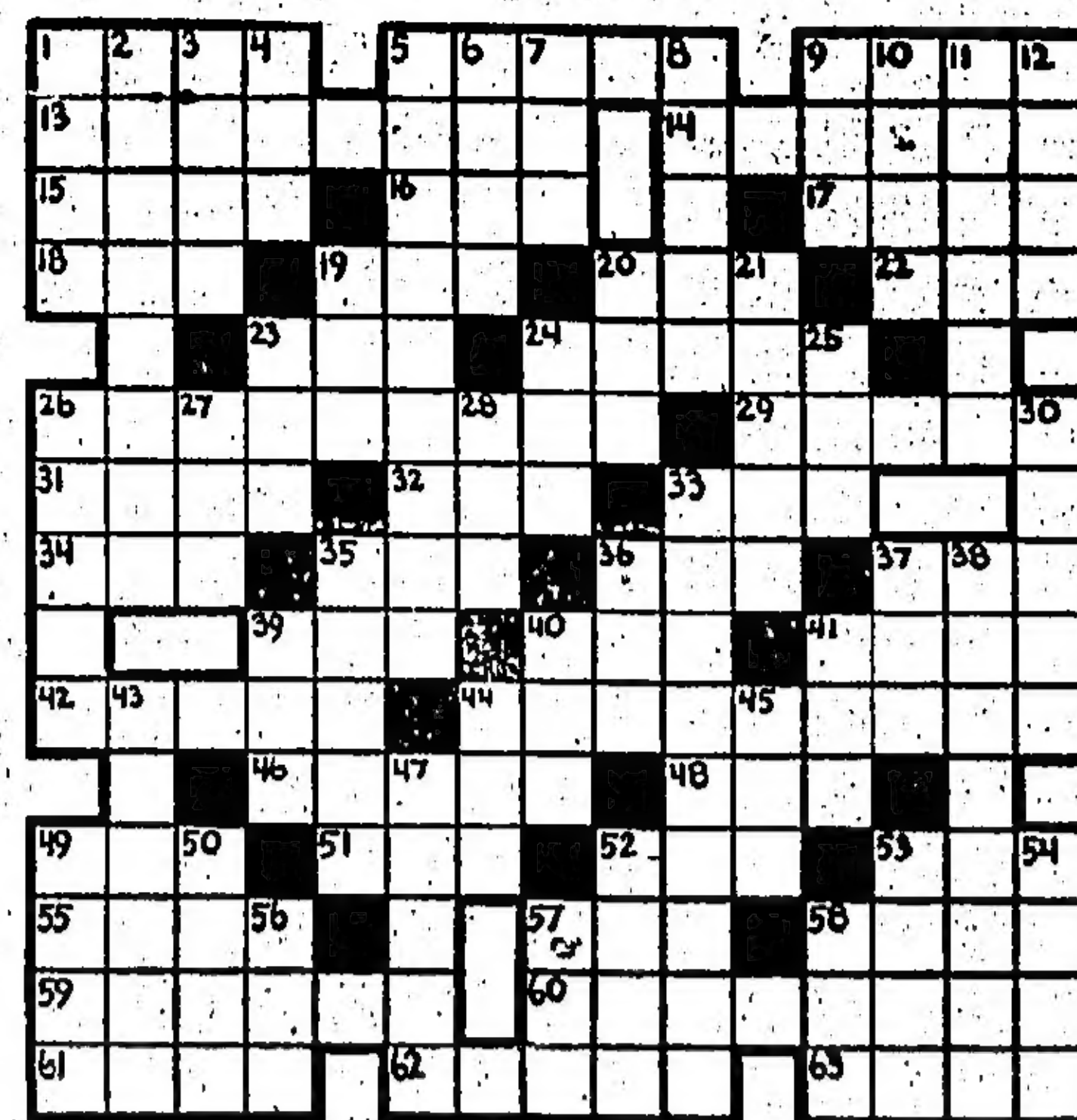
been a tendency to drape the waistline for afternoon and evening, and to do away with the narrow, tailored straight-around belt which has been its marking point for so long.

Shoulder lines also, if they continue to follow those of late Summer will be more rounded and feminine and very much less the squared lines which ape those of the tailor's dummy.

What will prove to be the foremost colour scheme is another mystery. More than likely there will be many smart colours from which women will choose the most becoming. We have had so much red and blue that it is quite possible these two shades will be put away for the Winter at least.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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| <p>HORIZONTAL</p> <p>1-What do you say to get rid of the cat?</p> <p>5-To leave off</p> <p>9-What island was the place of Napoleon's first exile?</p> <p>13-What is, extremity of a continent did Magellan discover?</p> <p>14-What is a Hungarian?</p> <p>15-On</p> <p>16-Free of</p> <p>17-On what river is Caen, N. France?</p> <p>18-Wet and sticky earth</p> <p>19-An ending of nouns denoting action</p> <p>20-Interjection, Contempt</p> <p>22-Suffix. Pertaining to</p> <p>23-First woman</p> <p>24-What is the person to whom money is paid?</p> <p>25-What is moral force?</p> <p>29-River in S. E. France</p> <p>31-What is French for "nothing"?</p> <p>32-A little child</p> <p>33-Half an</p> <p>34-An insect</p> <p>35-To shut in</p> <p>36-A chopping tool</p> <p>37-An obstinate person</p> <p>38-A deposit</p> <p>40-A chicken disease</p> <p>41-A short cloak</p> <p>42-Country of Europe</p> | <p>HORIZONTAL (Cont.)</p> <p>44-What are the poles of soft iron joining the poles of magnets?</p> <p>46-What village in Perthshire was the coronation place of Scottish kings?</p> <p>48-A small cask</p> <p>49-A youth</p> <p>51-Suffix denoting a business</p> <p>52-One of the metals</p> <p>53-Corroded</p> <p>55-Intermittent fever</p> <p>57-Swift of the ocean</p> <p>58-Metal-bearing rocks</p> <p>59-The art of duelling</p> <p>60-What island in the S. Pacific was settled by mutineers of the British ship "Bounty"?</p> <p>61-A loud cry, as of pain</p> <p>62-What noted colonial artist painted the earliest known portrait of Washington?</p> <p>63-To level with the ground</p> | <p>VERTICAL (Cont.)</p> <p>10-A constellation</p> <p>11-A flag</p> <p>12-Superficial extent</p> <p>19-A succulent fruit</p> <p>20-A stripe</p> <p>21- noted German poet</p> <p>23-An eagle</p> <p>24-Cherished</p> <p>25 An ending of feminine nouns</p> <p>26-Coarse in stature</p> <p>27-Of age (Latin abbr.)</p> <p>28 Boy's name (familiar)</p> <p>30-Bright</p> <p>32-To discuss fully</p> <p>33-From this place</p> <p>36-Purpose</p> <p>37-A Swiss river</p> <p>38-What are fennoms of the dead?</p> <p>39-Twice</p> <p>40-Profess Before</p> <p>41-What is a young bear?</p> <p>43-What is the capital of the Czechoslovak Republic?</p> <p>44-Some</p> <p>45-What is a large cask?</p> <p>47-What is the deck below the berth deck of a battleship?</p> <p>49-A gentleman</p> <p>50-Combat between two persons</p> <p>52-The linden</p> <p>53-A melody</p> <p>54-In Anglo-Saxon times, a hiring</p> <p>56-A cloth measure</p> <p>57-A town, Liège province, Belgium</p> <p>58-What is a scabb?</p> |
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(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

A GLOOMY ROOM.

It needs a flash of imagination to make a cheerful room of one with a dull aspect, yet it has just been done.

It was a bold room, gaunt, and doubtful—a gloomy habitation! Square and lofty it loomed, having a deep, dark recess on either side of its window. Here always the shadows lurked. Now it is a flowery sunlit room.

A wall-paper began the transformation. It has a soft, pale yellow background like the inside of a banana skin, and a border of apparently growing flowers runs around above the skirting board. In each corner, and at intervals round the walls, spring up "grow-

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



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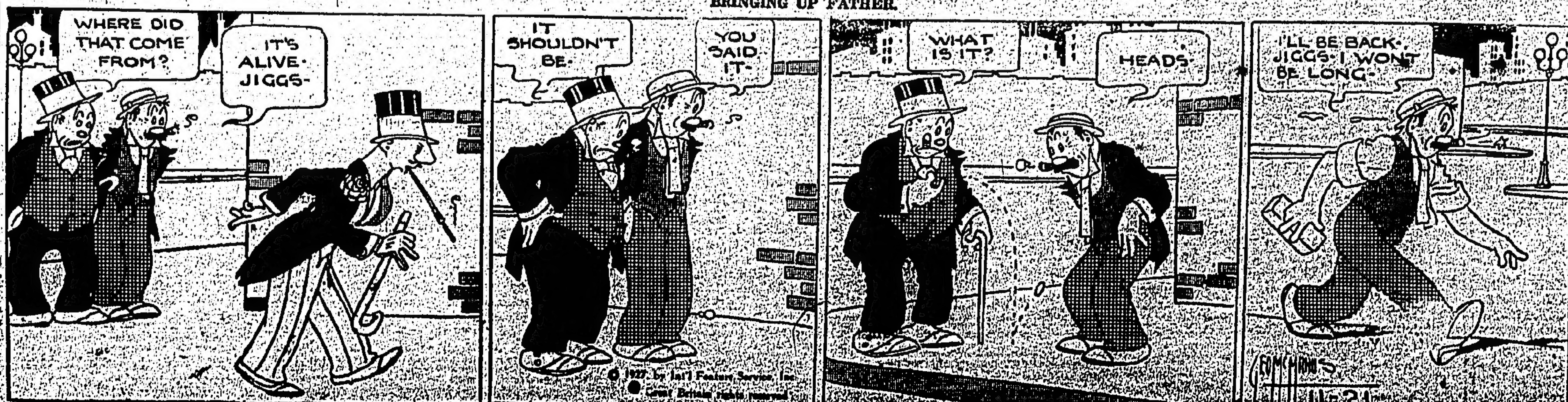
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YOUNG EARLAM.

A RISING BILLIARDS PROFESSIONAL.

COMING CHAMPION.

In my last article on Rising Young Players, I singled out Earlham, and Steeples for particular notice, and commented on the play of the young Derby professional, writes Riso Levi in a paper. This time I shall say something about Joe Earlham, winner of the 1925-6 Amateur Championship, and the holder of a record break made in these championships, viz., 436.

Earlam has only been playing billiards for six or seven years, but he took to the game at once, and was making 50 breaks quite regularly when he had been playing for less than 12 months. Being that he was likely to develop into a really good player, his father placed him in the hands of Collins, the well-known capable Liverpool professional, and under his able tuition Earlham made rapid progress.

A year before he won the championship, he made his first break by red ball play with 15 balls. When the E.A. and in the summer of 1925 came the decision that future Amateur Championships should be played with composition balls—a decision which, by the way, was ten years overdue—Earlam once began to play with these, and quickly getting used to them, he soon made big breaks in them, even getting into the tenth hundred on one occasion.

Start Early.

Many people have questioned Earlham's wisdom in not waiting for two longer before turning professional, but, in my opinion, if a player intends to be a professional billiard player in life, the sooner he takes plunge the better for him. Any players have commented on what they consider the early professional career with a few matches with Smith and man, instead of tackling the rest of his own class, or, failing this, of playing exhibition matches with professionals not so overwhelmingly superior to him as two top-notchers.

These critics, however, seem to forget that a new entrant professional billiard player cannot choose his opponents, as he is to be thankful for what engagements he can get. He may experience the greatest difficulty in getting any at all, for, as professional billiards is a business, just like other business, well-established men never go out of their way to assist any newcomer who is without an entry into their select circle.

It is not been for the unfortunate difference which arose between Smith and Newman at the end of last season, and kept them apart the whole season, it is most unlikely Earlham would have had an engagement with either of players.

As "Gate Attraction," however, Smith and Newman were determined not to play together, and as they could not play Joe Davis at the same time they had to look round for other players who might be expected to attract the public.

In the four-rounds Tolley and de Montmorency beat R. Solomon, the champion of the club, and L. Jones by 2 and 1, while Hezlet and Pearson defeated Beattie and Smale by 4 and 2. Britain thus led at this stage by 2 games to 0.

In the singles Solomon beat Tolley by 2 and 1, Jones beat Pearson by 4 and 3. Beattie halved with Hezlet, and Montmorency scored the only British win, beating Smale by 3 and 2.

State Grant for Athletes.

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But when he played his series of two-weeks' games with Smith he had very frequently to remain seated for long periods, and it requires tremendous nerve to go to the table and play one's best game after one's opponent has made a break of four or five hundred, to say nothing of still greater compilations.

Do the players who make their forties and fifties frequently, their sixties and seventies now and then, and perhaps even an occasional century break, believe that they would be able to display anything like their decent average form were they to play Smith for a fortnight?

It is in my firm conviction that they would fail to make one single 50 in the two weeks. Firstly, because, in addition to their feeling overwhelmed by the superiority of their opponent, they would go to the table so few times at each session. And secondly, because they would be "frozen out" by their long periods of waiting between each visit to the table, and by reason of this they would have no opportunities of warming up to their game, and could thus never get going.

In my opinion, the best of Joe Earlham has not yet been seen by a very long way, and it is my firm conviction that in the years to come he will prove himself to be one of England's great and gifted players.

HOME GOLF.

VETERANS' TEST.

Veterans over 50 years of age had the opportunity of showing what they could do under the relentless examination of card and pencil in the annual competition organized by "Golf Illustrated" on the Ashford Manor course, Middlesex.

H. E. Taylor, of Royal Mid-Surrey, who is 58, won the scratch prize with the excellent score of 76. It would have taken a very good man of the younger generation to beat these figures on a course of more than 6,000 yards, which, like most others at this time of the year, played to every inch of its length, and called for a lot of strong second shots up to the green.

The Rev. H. A. Tapscott (St. George's Hill) and S. H. Fry (Royal Mid-Surrey) each, like Taylor, 58 years of age, had the second best scores of 79 each. Then came H. H. Hilton (Ashford) and Major W. G. M. Savel (Beaconsfield), each 80.

The scratch prize for players over 60 fell to Edward Blackwell, the former Scottish international, who is 61. He went round in 83, with an 8 at the 17th.

E. C. Baker (Ashford) secured the handicap cup with 86—9—76.

Women's Championship.

Only players with a handicap of 6 or better will be eligible to compete in the English women's golf championship next year. This decision was reached at the council meeting of the Ladies' Golf Union at Leeds.

A resolution was also passed which will preclude golfers from overseas, as well as Scottish, Irish and Welsh players, from competing in the English championship.

C. J. H. Tolley Beaten.

Capetown.—In the first match of their tour in South Africa the Royal and Ancient team of amateurs, Cyril Tolley, R. H. de Montmorency, Major W. O. Hezlet, and Capt. A. G. Pearson, met the Mowbray Club here. The British side won by 3 games to 2.

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Mr. Calvin Coolidge in the uniform of a Red Cross nurse reading to the inmates of the Walter Reed General Hospital, where hundreds of disabled service men are patients. Mr. Coolidge is honorary chairman of the Volunteer Service of the Red Cross and spends moments from time to time to visit the hospital and other the veterans.

FOOTBALL MINDS.

THE PLAYERS' GREATEST ASSET.

CRAZE FOR SPEED.

Aston Villa have a 60 yards sprinting track under cover for their players, and many other clubs during the past two or three years have provided special facilities for the men to practise running with a view to quickening their paces.

But neither Aston Villa nor the other leading teams of a former era acquired their pace in the game through their sprinting powers. That famous wing formed by Bache and Hall were very fast, but their pace was due to the speed with which they controlled the ball and made it cover the ground. It was the other fellows who had to be fast to keep up with it.

The craze in football is still unfortunately for speed. The season, however, has already provided a wonderful tribute to the elderly player, and it has been proved that, so long as he has the ability to think and act quickly, it does not matter a great deal if physically he has slowed down. A football mind is still the greatest asset of the player.

When Tottenham Hotspur went to Birmingham, an old player connected with Aston Villa expressed astonishment that Grimsdell was to take part in the match.

He shook his head and declared that the game had swept past the Tottenham captain and left him tolling far in the rear.

At the finish of the game he was probably in some confusion as to what pace really meant, and it might be something of a mystery why a fast wing man like York had not been able to race Grimsdell off his feet.

There could not have been a better example of how intelligent play could negative running speed.

Craftsmanship.

When Grimsdell was restored to the Tottenham team their position was a little anxious. In a few weeks by his steady influence he has brought them back to a side of marked possibilities. Much the same thing has happened at Bolton.

The revival of the Wanderers did not begin until Vizard was able to reappear at outside left.

With very few exceptions there is at least one veteran in every team of note at the present time. Newcastle United include Huddersfield, who has played at back for the club for 17 seasons; Everton, Taylor and Cresswell; Huddersfield, Clem Stephenson; Middlesbrough, Carr; Arsenal, Buchan; and Chelsea, Wilson.

In each case it is hardly possible to exaggerate the value of these men to their clubs.

As speed is judged to-day all these players are slow, but this does not impair their effectiveness. It may be necessary, as in the case of Buchan, to make their particular part as light as possible, but, provided the strain is not too severe, they are able to succeed through their craftsmanship.

Success in football cannot be achieved without method and the team who are content to kick and run hard, will never succeed. What are called "first-time" methods are futile. The man who kicks the ball as it comes to him without trying seriously to place it must be lucky if he is to keep it from an opponent.

The great weakness of modern football is that too many teams attempt to succeed not so much through their own skill as through the mistakes of their opponents.

This is not so marked in the First Division of the League as in the other sections, and it accounts for the fact that the promoted side have usually a great deal of difficulty in maintaining their place.

This is seen to-day in the case of Portsmouth, who are still playing that dashing type of game which served them well enough last season. Before the present season started I suggested that they would be in trouble if they did not alter their methods and try to play a higher class of game.

Derby County and Sheffield Wednesday significantly enough have had similar troubles to Portsmouth and the root cause in each case has been the same. You may win a Cup-tie by hustling methods, but it is a different matter to keep these up all the season in the League.

"PATSY" HENDREN.

AUSTRALIAN TALK ABOUT CRICKETERS.

NEXT ENGLISH TEAM.

"Patsy" Hendren, who originally set out from London with the New Zealand cricketers, and who was carried ashore at Colombo with a bad attack of pleurisy, arrived at Fremantle a week or two ago on the liner "Oronsay," bound for Adelaide where he will act as coach to the South Australian Cricket Association.

When spoken to on the ship, Hendren was very disappointed by his ill-health, as he feared that his coaching would be impaired. He had been warned by medical advisers not to undertake strenuous exercise. He will remain in Australia until March, and will then return to England for the cricket season there.

Next English Team.

Chatting about the probable personnel of the English team to visit Australia at the end of next year, Hendren said that a very useful side should come, but the strength would depend largely upon the fitness of Larwood for the tour.

He believed that on Australian wickets Larwood would be most destructive. Another bowler who was likely to come was Jupp, of Northampton, and it was almost certain that Tait would be included in the side.

He thought one of the first men to be selected would be Walter Hammond, of Gloucestershire, who had made a thousand runs in a month during the last season. He was a prolific batsman, and should do well in Australia, as, apart from his batting ability, he was probably the best all-round fielder in the world.

Hobbs was likely to come, and Sutcliffe seemed among the certain ones. Hendren thought that A. F. Chapman would probably be the captain. He thought the choice of a wicketkeeper would lie between George Brown, of Hampshire, and Ames from Kent.

Brown was one of the most accomplished cricketers in England. A first-class keeper, a bowler not to be despised, a crack mid-off, and a left-hand batsman of more than ordinary ability, he was a source of power for any team.

Ames might be selected before him because of his youth and his batting ability.

Hendren as a Member.

Asked if he intended to accompany the English eleven to Australia, Hendren said that every English cricketer was anxious to make the trip, and he was going to try hard, although he was not yet sure of the position as regards his coaching at Adelaide.

Hendren said he had heard by wireless of Sutcliffe's appointment as captain of Yorkshire, and expressed the opinion that had Wilfred Rhodes been a few years younger the captaincy would have been his. "Wilfred is still the best left-hand bowler in England, with the possible exception of Parkin," he concluded.

Tom Holt, formerly of Walsall, has been appointed team manager of Mid-Rhonda A.F.C., who are making a last desperate effort to re-establish themselves. In the peak years after the war the club took £17,000 in a season in gates; this season they average £4.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET.

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HAIRCUT PROBLEM.

PLAGUES STAY-FOLK IN ORIENT.

NEW STYLES DEFENDED.

Tokyo, Dec. 12.

The question of haircuts threatens to rank with beriberi and leprosy as one of the plagues of the Orient.

From Manila to Harbin and Bombay to Tokyo moderns and conservatives are locked in a struggle about bobbed hair girls and long haired youths which already has split families and business enterprises, caused columns of ink to be wasted in lengthy philosophical dissertations, and given conservatives and radical statesmen alike an opportunity to make a bid for popularity by attacking or defending new styles in the wearing of hair.

The question of how to wear one's hair, particularly if one is a woman, has caused discussion in practically every law-making assembly in the East during the year. Legislators in China and the Philippines suggested a tax for bobbed girls, while the Japanese police, who often are accused of making their own laws, decreed that a bobbed hair girl obviously is of immoral character while a long haired boy must be a "bol-shevik."

There was a time, not so long ago, when all Japanese shaved all their heads but for top-knots, and all Chinese wore long queues, while the women of both lands topped their costumes with locks stiffly oiled and coiled and piled in fantastic shapes, according to the particular style of the districts. Now, however, between the spread of modern ideas among the youths of the Far East and the influence of "fapperism" upon the maidens, the conservatives who desire to prolong the good old days of the past are having a hard time with bobbed girls and long-haired boys.

Bobbed hair received a set-back in Japan when all the short-haired actresses of the Nikkatsu Movie Company's studio at Osaka, the biggest producers in Japan, were summarily discharged and told to come back to work until their hair had grown to the ordinary women's length again. Among those sent away were three well-known baby stars. For months the Tokyo police have been making things hard for the bobbed hair sisterhood, continuing to regard clipped tresses as a certain proof of depravity, leaving the burden of proof otherwise to the girls.

Now comes word that the Chinese school authorities of the Manchurian Province of Kirin have interdicted the bob and forty girls of the Kirin high school who had their curls trimmed since the ban went on were expelled from their school last week. The other girls of the school are using bear grease and other hair growers in an effort to get back what they so gayly clipped away.

Both Chinese and Japanese youths of advanced ideas, who desired to show their advancement by letting their hair hang low on their collars, are suffering equally with the bobbed ladies of their acquaintance. In the Japanese cities long-haired boys are being hustled off to police stations to be examined as to any revolutionary ideas they may be incubating, being warned to visit a barber or be prepared for more police attention.

In Manchuria the Samsen-locked youths are given special licence. In a Mukden commercial school in November 200 students were suspended because they refused to obey an edict calling for a hair trim. They had been warned in October and given twenty days wherein to locate a barber. They preferred long hair to further education and were sent away, shaking their locks in defiance.—United Press.

DISCREET WHISPERS.

SOON TO BE THINGS OF PAST.

Berlin, Dec. 7.

A new invention, soon to be marketed by a Berlin cable concern, is said to elongate the ear to such an extent that padded walls and discreet whispers no longer offer the assurance of secrecy.

The appliance consists of a tiny, delicate microphone, which can inconspicuously be attached to an ash-tray or placed in any niche and which is connected with a cable leading to the listener-in. The receiver can conveniently be stationed behind a curtain or flowers, where it also remains unseen. The apparatus is guaranteed to transform a whisper into a shout at any distance.

The "Frankfurter Zeitung" points out that the new "prolonged ear" can enable employers to hear the grumbling of their employees and eavesdroppers to catch the whippers of fond couples. The newspaper brands this invention as an abuse of technology, emphasizing that employers are thus likely to be made more suspicious and jealous husbands and lovers stimulated to pry into affairs that do not concern them.

"Such an invention," concludes the writer, "invites the little suspicious Nero that lurks in each of us and arouses our curiosity to know things towards which we ourselves are not inclined."



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Hong Kong, 22nd December, 1927.

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MARTIN EGAN.

MANILA EX-JOURNALIST MARRIED.

Martin Egan, former editor of "The Manila Times," and in recent years a member of the J. Pierpont Morgan staff, was married to Miss Cornelia Cousins on Saturday, November 19, in New York City, according to cards received in Manila. They were to be at home after December 1 at 277 Park Avenue, New York City.

Mr. Egan is remembered well by many of the Manila residents and also by many in other cities of the Orient. Mr. Egan before he joined the Morgan organization was one of the leading newspaper men of America. He came to the Orient originally in 1904, as a correspondent in the Russo-Japanese war. He came to the Philippines for the Associated Press and his work attracted the attention of George Selner, who then was the owner of "The Manila Times." He was in Mr. Selner's employ for two years. After his return to the United States, Mr. Egan engaged in newspaper and magazine work. Mr. Egan was married in Japan in 1905 to Frances Martin, who died about two years ago. She also won considerable fame as a writer.

WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of water in Reservoir on December 1, 1927.—CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.

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Tytam Byewash	21' 6" B	19' 10" B
Tytam Intermediate Level	2' 2" B	2' 7" B
Tytam Tuk	4' 8" B	11' 8" B
Wong Nei Chung	12' 1" B	12' 1" B
Pokfulum	18' 11" B	17' 1" B

[Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow." A denotes "Above Overflow."] Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

Tytam	315.58	309.86
Tytam Byewash	246.38	228.23
Tytam Tuk	1,801.76	1,146.25
Wong Nei Chung	16.52	16.52
Pokfulum	36.17	29.94

Total

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of November.

	1926	1927
Consumption	246.38	228.23
Estimated population	406,760	417,089
Consumption per head	2.23	2.73
per day	20.1	23.7

Full Supply in all Elder Main Districts during November, 1926 and 1927 with the exception of the districts West of Eastern Street where an intermittent supply was given from 19th to 30th November, 1927.

Kowloon Water Works LEVEL.

	1' 4" B	8' 7" B
Kowloon Reservoir	338.70	269.60
Shek Lai Pul Reservoir	100.80	99.10

Total

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of November.

	1926	1927
Consumption	73.52	93.41
Estimated population	157,720	162,760
Consumption per head	15.5	19.1
per day	15.5	19.1

Full Supply in all districts during November, 1926 and 1927.

The Government Analyst's reports show that the quality of the water is satisfactory.

Total rainfall to November 30, 1926, 100.38; November 30, 1927, 106.50.

HONGKONG HEIGHTS

For the information of visitors the following list of some of the highest points on the Island and Mainland is published:—

	Feet.
Victoria Peak	1823
Signal Station	1774
Mt. Parker	1734
Mountain Lodge	1725
The Pyrie	1725
Peak Hotel	1305
Taiwan Sanatorium	1000
Mt. Davis	877
Howe's Rd. (Gibraltar)	257

JAPAN AND CHINA.

STORY OF ARMED INTERVENTION.
A PEKING FORECAST.

Peking, Dec. 20.
Armed intervention by Japan in Shantung and Manchuria is the next step forecast by a spokesman for the Peking Foreign Office in an interview with the United Press.

Officials of the Peking Government profess to see accumulating evidence that Japanese opinion is swinging in favour of intervention. The Foreign Office spokesman displayed a handful of recent dispatches from Tokyo all pointing to a desire on the part of the Tanaka Cabinet to place their dealings with the Government of Marshal Chang Tso-lin on a more satisfactory basis.

Harsh Words.

As far as can be learned K. Yoshizawa, the Japanese Minister in Peking, has not received reply to his second letter protesting against the interview which General Yang Yu-ting gave to British and American correspondents. The Japanese Minister's first letter objected to the general tone of the interview which he believed to have been chiefly for the purpose of blocking the projected American loan to the South Manchurian Railway. The latter also informed General Yang Yu-ting bluntly and precisely that he was speaking an untruth when he intimated that part of the loan would be diverted for political purposes in Japan.

The second letter was along the same line but more emphatic, and was sent after General Yang Yu-ting had indicated that he did not intend to answer the first. The contents of the second letter are not known but are believed to include a hint of "serious consequences" if the Peking Government fails to give immediate and complete satisfaction. With reference to this note, the Foreign Office spokesman told the United Press that it would remain unanswered because it was felt that General Yang Yu-ting had done everything "consistent with dignity" to clarify his position toward Japan and the loan.

Chinese Bitter.

Chinese officials appear to be intensely bitter against the tone of Tokyo dispatches subsequent to the Yang Yu-ting interview. They see a threat of intervention in reports of conferences between Premier Tanaka, General Shirakawa, the War Minister, and others, dealing with the Chinese war situation. They base some hope, however, on a division in Japanese opinion in such way that a considerable section of the Japanese electorate would be against armed intervention.

Diplomatically, the entire situation is anomalous, Japan does not recognise the Government of Marshal Chang Tso-lin but the Japanese Minister, apparently on instruction from Tokyo, is carrying on an exchange of letters and messages with the Marshal's chief-of-staff with all the heavy formality of a first-class diplomatic incident.

CLEANING SCHOOLS.

DISAPPEARING SCRUBBING BRUSH.

"Before two years have passed I hope such a thing as a scrubbing-brush will not be known in our schools," said Mrs. Wilton Phipps at a meeting of the London County Council Education Committee, announcing the result of the oil treatment of the floors of schools. "Of course I am old-fashioned, and I have a preference for the scrubbing-brush, but I have frankly to admit that the new method of cleaning has made a great deal of difference to both scholars and teachers."

The method had been extended to 100 additional schools, and had been used in 571 departments in 218 elementary schools. Extension of the treatment would ultimately effect a saving of about \$4,000 a year. The experiment had been a very great success. The teachers were pleased with it, and the medical officers gave them very great encouragement concerning it.

Mrs. Dawson moved that the report referring to the cleaning of the schools go back to committee, as those who sat with her viewed with suspicion the reduction proposed in a number of school cleaners employed.

Mr. Manning, supporting, said that if \$5,000 a year was to be saved by the scale of assistance to school keepers for cleaning should be reduced by two-thirds at schools where the floors were oiled or polished and by one-third at other

DISTANT STATIONS.

AMPLIFIER WHICH WILL GIVE RESULTS.

In some recent notes we briefly mentioned an amplifier which could be attached to most receivers of the detector with reaction and one or two low-frequency stages type. By using this, the selectivity would be greatly increased.

It must, of course, be realised, says D. E. Montague in the Sporting Life, that to design an H. F. amplifier which would be universal in its application is practically an impossibility, but it has been my sole aim to produce a unit which will, in very many cases, give highly efficient results, and where this is not possible, to give reasonably good effects from the selectivity and distance viewpoints.

The amplifier consists of a tapped aerial coil, allowing auto coupling, this being tuned with a 0005 mf variable condenser.

Selectivity. It is arranged so that the aerial lead may be taken either to the tapping or to the top of the coil. The reason for this is that the selectivity required will probably be considerably more in some localities than in others. There is a small fixed condenser in the aerial lead. Many constructors will find that with a fairly long aerial its use is a considerable aid to selectivity, although with short aerials its use may give no improvement.

This explains the reason for the switch which allows it to be left in circuit or cut out as may be found necessary.

The valve which amplifies at high frequency is coupled to the detector valve of the existing set by means of a split primary H. F. transformer, and the inter-valve capacity is neutralised by means of a small variable condenser in a conventional manner.

The transformer is of the plug-in type, and the circuit connections are made to the six terminals on the base specially made for use with it. In the usual way the secondary winding is tuned by a variable condenser.

Connecting Up. It is assumed that the existing set has primary coil tuning only—that is a single coil with the ends connected to aerial and earth, and thence to the grid of the first valve and to the low-tension minus.

The coil is tuned with a condenser, and when the amplifier is connected up this coil is withdrawn and the condenser then tunes the secondary of the transformer used in the amplifier.

There is a second variable condenser used in the amplifier. This is connected between a terminal on the transformer base and one of the output terminals. This condenser allows reaction to be obtained, and upon this the successful reception of distant stations depends to a very great extent.

A rheostat is used for the valve filament heating control, for so many different types of valves are available that it may be desirable to be able to adjust the filament supply to the H. F. valve.

If the constructor desires to lessen the number of panel controls, this rheostat may be omitted in favour of one of the many fixed or "variable" fixed resistors which are on the market, and the latter may be mounted on the baseboard out of sight.

The constructional work is not

SENATOR QUEZON.

LEAVES WASHINGTON FOR THE PHILIPPINES.

Washington, Dec. 19.
Senator Manuel Quezon left Washington yesterday and Senator Osmena will join him later at San Francisco to sail for Manila.

Although somewhat disappointed over the discovery of what he described as the fact that immediate independence for the Philippines was "by no means in sight," Senator Quezon appeared to be deeply gratified generally over his mission here, especially the appointment of Col. Stimson as governor general.

Col. Stimson is expected to arrive in Washington next week to confer with President Coolidge and others regarding his new duties.—Associated Press.

very difficult, while the wiring is simplicity itself.

The size of the ebonite panel given in the list of components is the same as the one used in the original amplifier, but I would suggest that when building, it would be preferable to purchase all the components first and the panel left until last, for no doubt many constructors will wish to match their present receiver as much as possible in design and size.

The actual lay-out is not vitally important, for the valve, transformer, and reaction condenser are all mounted within the Formo Screening Box.

So far as the latter is concerned, this has a thin wooden base of its own, so that the valve holder and transformer base can be secured by means of wood screws.

The former should be mounted to the left of the box, and the latter towards the right, both being secured as far back as possible to prevent fouling when the condenser is rotated.

The ebonite panel should be secured to a baseboard of the same width.

This may be accomplished by means of wood screws or panel brackets.

Screening Box.

The screening box should be mounted upon this to the right, and the Eamco screen, shielding the aerial coil, to the left, as near the rear as can be managed, to allow the aerial tuning condenser to be mounted upon the panel. I would suggest mounting the six terminals which are to be connected to the receiver on a strip of ebonite on the right-hand side of the baseboard, but of course these may be mounted at the rear of the amplifier if it is found to be more convenient for connecting up to the set.

The other three terminals, may either be mounted on the left-hand side of the panel or on an ebonite strip on the baseboard whichever is preferable from the appearance point of view. It should be remembered that if these are mounted on the baseboard no loose leads will be visible, so that this is probably the more desirable method.

There are, I think, no other details needed, for if the suggestions I have given are borne in mind there is little room for error in construction.

I should perhaps mention that it is essential to "bush" the condenser, for it must not touch the screening box.

REPRODUCTION.

LOW FREQUENCY AMPLIFICATION.

In order to obtain good quality reproduction with adequate volume, it is necessary to use a power valve in the output stage of a receiver (that is, the stage which is connected to the loud-speaker) and to supply this valve with plenty of power.

This involves the use of either a large high tension battery giving a voltage of at least 120 and preferably of 160 to 200, or alternatively, some sort of battery eliminator arranged to work from the household supply of electricity.

In many instances it is not possible to use a battery eliminator because the house is not connected with an electric supply, or because the supply is not suitable, and the ordinary dry cell battery or accumulator has to be relied on for the high tension current.

Readers may complain of the expense and difficulty of maintaining a large high tension battery and the question has been asked whether arrangements cannot be made for using a battery of lower voltage to better advantage. It has been pointed out that listeners in country districts sometimes have their own power supply of 50 or 100 volts direct current, while a fair number of town dwellers have a mains supply of 100 or 120 volts.

Special Valves.

If these supplies of current could be used the bother of partly discharged high tension batteries and the expense of frequent renewals would be removed. But an ordinary type of receiver fitted with the usual make of receiving valve cannot give large volume without distortion when the high tension current has so low a voltage.

Some time ago there were indications that special valves for working from a source of relatively low voltage would be introduced. These special valves were to be of the four electrode type, but apparently the manufacturers who were experimenting with these valves decided that the demand would not justify them in placing the valves on the market for very little is heard of them nowadays.

Makers of components, however, have realised that there is a demand for receivers which will give satisfactory results from a low voltage supply, and they are therefore attempting to popularise a system of amplification in which special transformers are used.

New Amplifier.

This new amplifier uses what is known as the push-pull circuit, and it is necessary to employ two special transformers. The system is not new by any means, but it is only of late that the special transformers that have to be used have been perfected. One of the pair of transformers is known as the input transformer, and while its primary is joined to the anode of a valve in the usual way its secondary is connected to the grids of two valves.

The secondary winding of the transformer is, therefore, divided into two parts, so that this special transformer has five terminals instead of the more usual number of four. The amplified currents produced in the output circuit of the two valves are then combined

HEAT FROM A MAIN.
SUPPLIED TO PARIS LIKE GAS OR ELECTRICITY.

Hot water and central heating are to be distributed like gas and electric current by the Paris Municipal Council. That body decided to install a trial distribution-station for hot water and central heating on an old factory site in the east of Paris.

If people show an inclination to avail themselves of this public utility service other distribution stations will be inaugurated in the western and southern suburbs.

STRANDED IN YACHT.

VICEROY'S ADVENTURE.

Jamnagar (Nawanagar), Nov. 16.

Lord Irwin, the Viceroy, and Lady Irwin had an adventurous journey to-day from Rozbunder, which they left at six o'clock this morning on board the Maharaja of Nawanagar's famous yacht, Star of Asia. Unfortunately the yacht struck on a sandbank on the far side of the wide Gulf of Cutch, and some of the Viceroy's party were obliged to cross the gulf in a small boat, while others crossed in the cargo steamer Monte Dorro.

In consequence of their adventure the Viceroy and his staff were all in plain clothes when they arrived. On all sides expressions of sympathy were heard for the Maharaja, to whom the mishap was a great disappointment. The yacht, however, is not damaged and is expected to arrive here in the morning.

On landing, after a brilliant reception by the Maharaja and a number of important persons, the Viceroy drove along the gaily-decorated route with the Maharaja, receiving a cordial welcome from cheering crowds.

The Maharaja of Nawanagar was formerly famous in the cricket field as Prince Ranjitsinghi.

Lord Birkenhead has been elected Rector of Aberdeen University in succession to Viscount Cecil, with 316 votes. Sir A. Sinclair (Liberal) polling 307, and Mr. John Macleod (Independent), 200.

by the output transformer, which has the loudspeaker connected to it.

Two valves are, therefore, used in the output stage of the receiver, but they are so arranged that not only is distortion minimised by the peculiar circuit arrangement, but reasonable volume is obtained from a relatively low voltage supply of high tension current.

Three Advantages.

The push-pull system of amplification, therefore, offers three advantages. In the first place, distortion is minimised; secondly, very good volume can be obtained with a minimum of distortion from a supply of high tension current of fairly low voltage, such as 100 volts; and, thirdly, no battery current passes through the loud-speaker.

This method of amplification is well worth the attention of listeners who prefer to use a low voltage supply of high tension current. The special transformers may be purchased from several of the well-known wireless transformer manufacturers, who also supply a diagram showing how they should be connected.—W. James in "Morning Post."

STATE GRANT.

\$2,000 A YEAR FOR FOUR MORE CLUBS.

MINISTRY'S POLICY.

A new decision of the Air Ministry to grant subsidies of \$2,000 a year for three years to each of four additional light aeroplane clubs was announced by Sir Samuel Hoare, Secretary of State for Air, when he opened the Bristol and Wessex Aeroplane Club at Filton Aerodrome, near Bristol.

"During the last few months," he said, "we have been considering very carefully the future of the light aeroplane clubs and the way in which the Air Ministry can assist them in their official organisation. So far we have been able to give a subsidy from public funds to six clubs. We are now in a position to increase the number, and among the first of the new clubs we have selected for subsidy is the Bristol and Wessex Club. (Cheers.)

"The basis of the subsidy is to be payment by results, and with that principle we are prepared to pay \$50 to the club for every pilot who has got his A or B certificate. We are prepared, in addition, to pay \$1 10s. for every flying hour up to a maximum of twenty hours flown by an A or B certificated pilot. In addition, we shall make a grant of \$10 in respect of each member holding an A or B certificate in force on the previous January 1.

"We are prepared to make these grants up to a maximum of \$2,000 a year for any one club for three years on the definite understanding that at the end of the three years the club will be able to stand on its own foundations without the need of a Government subsidy.

"I hope that at the end of that time there will be no need for subsidy. It is much better for our club and for everybody concerned to be able to depend on yourselves, and not to be tied down by the conditions inevitable in the case of any organisation receiving Government money.

"Bristol, as the capital of the West of England, is one of the first clubs. Norwich will be another, as the capital of the East of England. The third new club will be Nottingham in the Midlands, and the fourth will be the Scottish Flying Club in Scotland. It may be possible, after we go into finances in greater detail, to include one or two other clubs."

He wished the Bristol Club success, and hoped that Bristol would not only deserve the Government subsidy but would prove itself to be one of the great civil flying centres of the country.

A Growing Movement.

The light aeroplane club movement, he said, was one of the most interesting in the world of flying. Two years ago it was started as a British movement, peculiar to this country. Since that time a number of clubs had sprung up, and they have been very successful in training pilots and popularising flying generally. To-day, although the six clubs had only been in existence for a short time, there were no fewer than 1,500 members. Of these 750 were flying members, and 157 had already taken their A and B certificates.

There was no name in the world of flying more famous than Bristol. Wherever pilots gathered, the name of the Bristol fighting was well known. In his journey with Lady Maud to India, he had a remarkable experience of the soundness of Bristol work, for during the whole of those many thousands of miles over which they flew the three Jupiter Bristol engines carried them without repair of any kind.

CIVIL AVIATION.

LONDON-INDIA-AUSTRALIA.

"The successful nation of the future will be the one which encourages aircraft service the most, and airports will become as important as seaports in the future," said Air Vice-Marshal Sir Sefton Branker, Director of Civil Aviation, leaving on "Comet" Air Route" at the Royal United Service Institution. Their plans for the future were beginning to concentrate on three objectives. These were:—

A through connection between London and Melbourne via India; The provision of a branch service through Cairo, with some flying points in the Mediterranean, through Central Africa to Cape Town; and

An airship service in some direction not yet determined, although the possibilities for airship development were great. With the aircraft they had to-day, and with the limited night flying, if they had the money they could give a programme of flying from London to Melbourne in seventeen days. In five years they could give a programme involving a great deal of flying by night, and very good organisation on the ground as regarded refuelling, which would reduce the seventeen days to about 179 hours, roughly seven and a half days. He thought that the British taxpayer obtained better value for the money he spent on these subsidies than any other nation. Britain could not stand still, and heavier subsidies would be necessary in the future. As aircraft improved, ground organisation would become less and less necessary, and air routes would become more and more direct until they reached the point when flying boats would run on a compass course. Night flying was going to be one of the biggest factors in the importance of the future.

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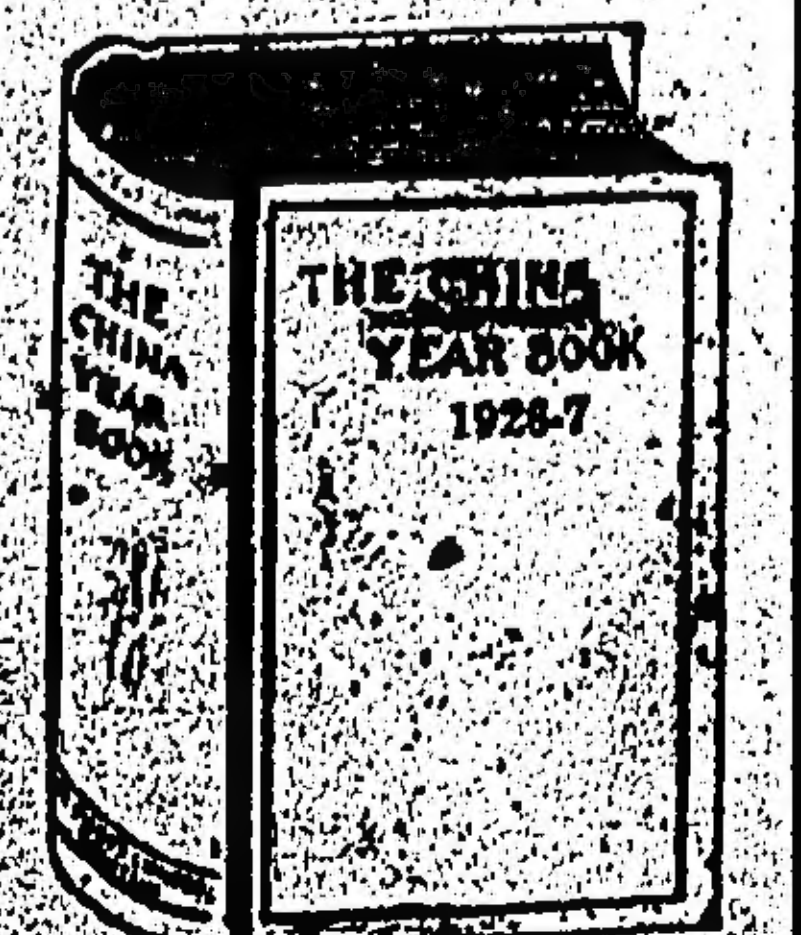
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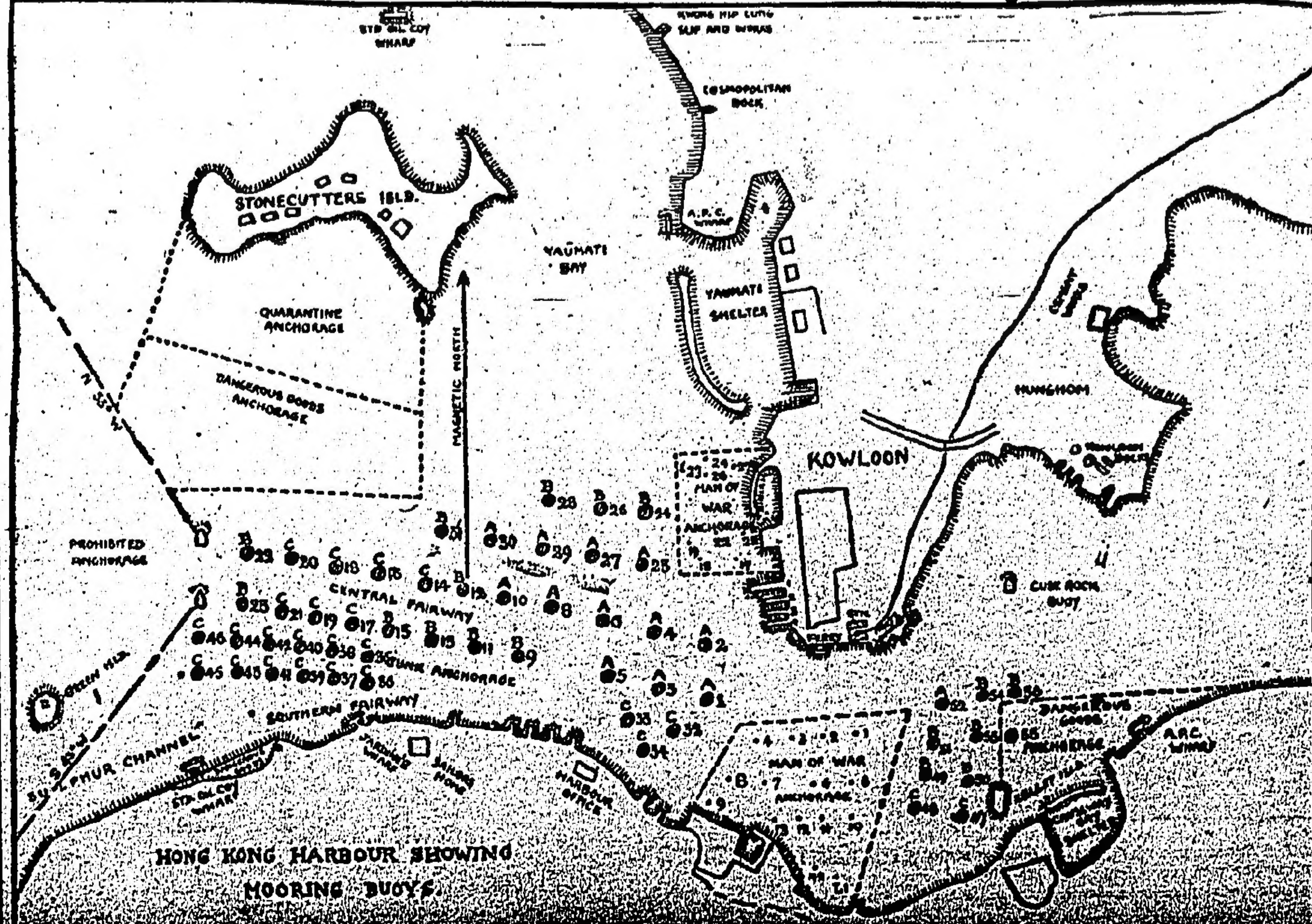
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BAN ON SOVIET.

MANILA CHINESE WELL
SATISFIED.

CONGRATULATIONS CABLED.

The Chinese community in
Manila have expressed their satis-
faction upon learning that the
Nanking Government, in its official
announcement, severed relations
with Soviet Russia and ordered the
closing of all Soviet Consulates
within the Nationalist territory, as
a result of the Canton uprising
which was believed to be agitated
by the Soviets.

The Chinese community, when
it received the news that the
Nanking Government had stopped
negotiations with Soviet Russia and
closed the Russian consulates in
China, sent cables expressing their
congratulation for the action
taken. The first cable was sent by
the first branch of the Kuomintang
party and was followed
by the one from the Chinese Na-
tional Union. This Union was only
organized last year and is com-
posed of many prominent Chinese
such as De C. Chuan, Albino
Z. SyCip, Dr. Chong Su See and
many others.

To further show that the Chi-
nese community are against
the existence of Communists in
China, all four Chinese dailies
representing different parties
among the Chinese, have strongly
denounced and attacked the Com-
munists who induced the labourers
and peasants to rise against the
representing different parties
Canton government, The Kong Li
Po, the oldest Chinese daily
representing the first branch of the
Kuomintang; the "Man Ho Po,"
representing the Kuomintang-
ists, most of whom are Cantonese;
the Chinese Commercial News, a
neutral paper edited by two young
Chinese, both of them being gra-
duates of the University of the
Philippines; and the "Fokien
Times," the only afternoon paper;
through their editorial columns,
have attacked the Communists.

D.S.C. FOR M. PAINLEVE.

Cambridge conferred the degree
of Doctor of Science on M. Pain-
leve, the French War Minister and
Professor of Analytical and
Celestial Mechanics at the Sor-
bonne, Paris. Among others pre-
sent was M. de Fleurbaey, the
French Ambassador.

The ceremony over, M. Painleve
was escorted in his scarlet gown to
the Arts School, where for an hour
he lectured in French on the re-
sistance to the displacement of a
solid within a liquid.

On the conclusion of his lecture
M. Painleve was given a great
ovation. At night he was enter-
tained to dinner at Trinity College,
at which the guests were all dis-
tinguished scientists.

Before going to Cambridge, M.
Painleve paid a courtesy visit to
Mr. Baldwin at 10, Downing Street.

RELIGIOUS FRAUD.

BENJAMIN PURNELL, OF
"HOUSE OF DAVID."

VICTIM OF TUBERCULOSIS.

St. Joseph, Michigan, Dec. 19.
"King" Benjamin Purnell, alleged
divine messenger and for more than
a quarter-century head of a notori-
ous religious colony known as the
House of David, died of tubercu-
losis last Friday, it was revealed
to-day.

Announcement was withheld until
to-day because "King Ben's" fan-
atical followers had expected their
chieftain to come to life once more
in a miraculous resurrection.

When the predicted time had
passed and the body continued to
lie stiff and cold, heads of the cult
reluctantly allowed the news to be-
come public.

Long in Public Eye.

Purnell has figured in newspaper
news and gossip for many years.
His colony suffered practically a
death-blow on November 10 when
Judge Louis Fead held that the cult
was a public nuisance on account of
immorality practised at the House
of David.

Judge Fead refused to dissolve
the colony, but recommended a re-
ceivership which would take care of
the claims of past and present mem-
bers who, he said, had been de-
frauded of their property and
labour by the "divinity" claims of
Purnell.

An injunction was subsequently
issued restraining the "King" from
further association with women of
the colony save "under proper pro-
tective conditions," following in-
roduction of evidence showing that
Purnell had, as charged by the
State, practised gross immorality
and fraud. It was found also that
there was a "system of perjury
drilled into members and practised
on the occasion of this hearing."

Judge Fead found that King
Ben's immoral practices had extend-
ed from the time the colony was
organised, March 17, 1903, until he
became physically incapacitated.
He pointed out that Benjamin's
claim to be a "divine messenger"
was fraudulent, inasmuch as he was
immoral.

Long Time "Immoral."

At the time of Purnell's death
the entire property of the colony,
which he had laboured for many
years to scrape together and tie up
in ways which would lead to bene-
fit to himself, was being held under
receivership pending settlement of
claims of members and former
members. The aggregate value of
this property is said to be
\$6,000,000.

While Purnell had intended to
fight with an appeal, the precarious
condition of his health had indicat-
ed that he would have great diffi-
culty in making an effective battle.
—United Press.

RIPPER MURDER.

BANK MESSENGER ARRESTED
IN OREGON.

A BODY DISMEMBERED.

Pendleton, Ore., Dec. 22.
A confession that he had kid-
napped Marian Parker, 12-year-
old Los Angeles girl who was
murdered and her body dismem-
bered, was made here to-day by
William E. Hickman, a former
bank messenger. Hickman was
arrested near Echo, Ore.

The youth named an Andrew
Cramer as his partner in the
crime, and accused him of having
killed the girl and cut up her
body. Hickman admitted, how-
ever, that it was he who collected
\$1,500 ransom from the child's
father and then threw the girl's
torso from his car after he had
obtained the money.

Hickman said that he intended
to use the ransom to go to college.
A part of the money was found in
his possession when he was ar-
rested.

When first taken into custody,
the youth denied knowledge of
the girl's death, saying that
after taking the child to a show
he turned her over to her part-
ner, and knew nothing of her
whereabouts since that time.

He also expressed regret that
the girl was dead. "Marian and I
were good friends he said, 'I real-
ly liked her and I am very sorry
she was killed.'"

The murder aroused one of the
greatest manhunts in the history
of Los Angeles. Thousands of
private citizens aided the authori-
ties and rewards totalling \$50,000
were offered for the slayer's ar-
rest.—Associated Press.

BOOTLEGGERS.

TWO MANILA FIRMS
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nese and Chinese firms which under
the disguise of bazaar establish-
ments have been indulging in the
clandestine sale of foreign liquors,
has been discovered by Municipal
Treasurer Victor Alfonso, Manila.

According to him, two stores in
Rizal Avenue have been conducting
clandestine sale of wine and
liquors without having the neces-
sary licences. One of these stores
is owned by a Chinese and the
other by a Japanese who for some
time past sold their bootleg liquor
to agents. These in turn resold
it to customers who paid a price
much lower than that fixed by
local stores.

According to Mr. Alfonso, fur-
ther investigation will be under-
taken by the authorities to find out
other possible violators of the liquor
law.

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Japan & Shanghai	30	Hakusan Maru.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	31	Pres. Harrison.
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Japan & Shanghai	6	Morea.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	8	Taiyo Maru.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28	Per	Time
Fort Bayard	28	Wing Wo	3.30 p.m.
Samshui & Wuchow	28	San Ning	4 p.m.
Amoy & Formosa via Swatow	29	Deli Maru	5 p.m.
Java via Batavia	29	Tjikembang	1.30 p.m.
Sandakan	29	Sulsang	1.30 p.m.
Swatow	30	Hydrangea	2.30 p.m.
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 14th January, 1928.			
Parcels Noon. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.			
Swatow, Amoy & Fochow	1 p.m.	St. Albans.	
Bangkok	2 p.m.	Hai Ning	
Manila	3 p.m.	Chinhua	
Wei Hai Wei	5 p.m.	Emp. of Asia	
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia	5 p.m.	Hulchow	
Suliyang	5 p.m.	Suliyang	
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Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	9 a.m.	Hakusan Maru.	
Holhow, Pakhoi & Haiphong	8.30 a.m.	Fook Sang.	
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*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

WORST SINCE 1881.

Blizzard Sweeps Great Britain.

HEAVY SNOW FALLS.

Drifts Of Twelve To Sixteen Feet Recorded.

London, Yesterday.

Snow and sleet fell all night long up to mid-day.

The air service from Croydon to Paris was cancelled owing to the depth of snow at the Croydon Aerodrome.

All stations were warned that landing at the aerodrome was inadvisable.

Some suburban bus services found the snow too deep to start at the scheduled time.

Telephoning to Paris was cancelled owing to the damage to the overhead wires in France.

There were further heavy falls in the South of England.

The heavy drifting continued, depths of 12 to 16 feet being recorded in the West as in Devonshire and many places in the South-Eastern Counties.

The blizzard, which lasted almost without intermission for 36 hours, at dawn was unparalleled since 1881.—Reuter.

"Snow Trains."

London, Yesterday.

The snowstorm was much more disturbing in the country than in the town.

Relief engines with snow-ploughs in many centres took hours to reach stranded trains, and then themselves were snowed up.

One train left at three o'clock yesterday afternoon and was dug out at six o'clock in the morning.

The Southern Railways ran "Snow trains" all night long to keep the electric conductor rails in working order.

Several branch lines were closed.

Several villages were isolated by huge snowdrifts.

The cross-Channel services were suspended to-day owing to the gale.—Reuter.

Lifeboat Rescues.

London, Yesterday.

The snowstorm yesterday was the worst Christmas storm since 1886.

There were drifts many feet deep in many districts, and in Yorkshire trains had to be dug out of the snow.

Traffic on the roads was often suspended.

There were several lifeboat rescues on the coasts where snow storms, accompanied by heavy weather seriously delayed the cross-Channel services.—Reuter.

WAR CLAIMS.

NINETY-ONE MILLIONS PAID TO CLAIMANTS.

HUGE TOTALS.

London, Yesterday.

The work of the clearing office dealing with claims against late enemy states and subjects is nearing completion.

The Report of the Controller for the year ending October 1 last shows a total of £91,000,000 sterling paid to claimants, of which £84,000,000 are in respect of claims against German nationals and the German Government.

Altogether 424,000 British and enemy claims were submitted for a total of £244,000,000.

279,000 claims were admitted and 138,000 withdrawn or rejected, while 6,000 claims for a total of £8,855,000 sterling are outstanding.—Reuter.

SON NOT KILLED.

THE S. AFRICAN FLYING FATALITY.

Johannesburg, Yesterday.

It transpires that Mr. Davis's son was injured and not killed.

[An earlier message stated: Mr. Oliver Davis, secretary of the Durban Turf Club, piloted by his son, attempted to fly from Durban to Johannesburg to attend the big race meeting. The aeroplane crashed at Dundee and both were killed.]

MR. J. P. MORGAN.

NEW CHAIRMAN OF U.S. STEEL CORPORATION.

New York, Yesterday.

Mr. J. P. Morgan has been elected Chairman of the United States Steel Corporation in succession to the late Judge Gary.—Reuter.

MILLIONS STARVING.

Chinese Eating Chaff And Bark.

WORST YET TO COME.

Cattle Being Disposed Of For A Mere Song.

Peking, Yesterday.

Foreigners in Shantung confirm the reports of the famine relief societies that 4,000,000 persons are on the brink of starvation in that province.

In 35 districts out of 107 in the province, less than 10 per cent. of the crops have been harvested while in other 30 districts the percentage ranges from 10 to 40.

Great numbers are already subsisting on bark and chaff.

The peak of the famine has not yet been reached and worse has yet to come.

Farmers, formerly prosperous, are disposing of cattle for a mere song and are emigrating.

The local officials attribute the famine to drought and locusts, but foreigners declare that it is chiefly owing to the civil wars, banditry and exorbitant taxation.

There is no hope of raising sufficient funds in China to save great numbers from a lingering death.

Outside help is earnestly needed.

Bandits and military are not only accentuating the famine conditions but are making it impossible to carry out extensive relief measures under foreign supervision, such as the building of roads and canals.

Similar conditions prevail at Tamingfu (South Chihli) where only 20 per cent. of the crop has been harvested.—Reuter.

MOTOR FATALITY.

LAWYER AND HIS FAMILY DROWNED.

Amsterdam, Yesterday.

As a result of their motor-car falling into a canal, the well-known Amsterdam lawyer, M. van Nieuw, his wife and daughter were drowned.—Reuter.

GIRL KILLED.

KNOCKED DOWN BY A MOTOR CAR.

DRIVER DETAINED.

A six-year-old Chinese girl living on board a cargo boat was killed yesterday when she and her mother were knocked down on the Praya East Reclamation by a public motor car.

The mother, who was seriously injured, was removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

The police are detaining the driver of the car.

Suffering from head injuries received through being knocked down in Nathan Road yesterday by a motor cycle a nine-year old Chinese girl was removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital in a serious condition.

CHINESE EMBEZZLER.

SENT TO PRISON FOR THREE MONTHS.

Sentence of three months' hard labour was this morning passed by Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy on a former employee of Ah Loong and Company, No. 19, Queen's Road Central, who pleaded "guilty" to a charge of embezzlement of \$364.40 the property of the firm.

Cashier Jailed.

Siu Yin-sang, a former cashier of the Ho Hong Bank who admitted the embezzlement on October 2, 1926, of \$3,080.44, the property of the bank, was this morning sentenced by Major C. Willson to six months' hard labour. Mr. M. K. Lo prosecuted for the bank.

SUICIDE MANIA.

TWO POISONING CASES REPORTED.

A Chinese woman named Wong Pat (29), living at No. 27 Lee Garden Road was yesterday removed to the French Hospital suffering from lysol poisoning stated to have been self administered.

A 60-year-old Chinese living at No. 67, Woosung Street was yesterday admitted to the Kowloon Hospital suffering from opium poisoning alleged to have been self administered in an attempt to commit suicide.

INDIA'S FUTURE.

Country of Federated States.

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Bombay, Yesterday.

The Liberal's attitude to the Statutory Commission was voiced by Sir Tej Sapru who is presiding over the National Liberal Congress.

He declared that India had not had a fair deal. He urged all parties to join and draw up a scheme of self-government for presentation to Parliament.

His ideal of a future India was a country of Federated States in direct and well-defined relationship with the Indian States under the aegis of the British Crown and as an equal member of the British Commonwealth of Nations.—Reuter.

The Goal!

Madras, Yesterday.

After three hours' discussion the Indian National Congress unanimously adopted a resolution in favour of a severe boycott of the Statutory Commission.

An amendment urging the members of the Legislatures to resign was defeated.

A further resolution, declaring that the goal of Indians was complete national independence, was adopted by acclamation.—Reuter.

In Case of War.

Madras, Yesterday.

The Congress passed a resolution declaring that India would not participate in any war for which extensive preparations were being carried on in India and the Eastern Seas, and especially on the North-West Frontier.

Jawaharlal Nehru, the mover of the resolution, contended that Britain was the greatest obstacle to disarmament. He remarked that she was perfecting the Singapore Base, whence she could easily summon troops for any imperialistic aggression, perhaps in Central Asia.—Reuter.

TRAFFIC CASES.

DRIVER OF A PRIVATE CAR OBSTINATE.

A WARNING DISREGARDED.

Mr. R. E. Lindsell dealt with the traffic summonses at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Most of the cases related to obstruction and driving on the wrong side of the road, in which the drivers of a number of trucks and a few public motor cars were mulcted in the usual fines.

The drivers of private motor car No. 937, however, was fined \$10 for causing an obstruction outside No. 40, Caine Road, he having admitted that he had been fined \$3 by Major Willson for a similar offence the previous week.

Sergeant Baker who brought the summons against the defendant, told the Magistrate that he had previously warned the defendant and had told him that he could park at the top of Elgin Street, but not in Caine Road, but when he returned later the defendant was still outside No. 40, Caine Road, not having taken any notice of the warning he had been given.

The Sergeant calculated that the defendant must have caused an obstruction for fully ten minutes.

STUDENT CHARGED.

ALLEGED MANSLAUGHTER OF COMPANION.

\$1,000 BAIL GRANTED.

Following the death, as reported yesterday, of Ho Kwong-hoi, the St. Paul's College student who died early on the morning of December 28 as the result of being struck on the left temple by a fellow student in the course of a "rag" in which several youths took part in the Club Rooms of the South China Athletic Association, China Building, on Christmas night, Lo Chih-hing, the lad who was alleged to have struck the fatal blow was this morning charged before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy with manslaughter and formally remanded for a week.

On the application of Mr. L. D. Turner, for the defence, bail was fixed in the sum of \$1,000.

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